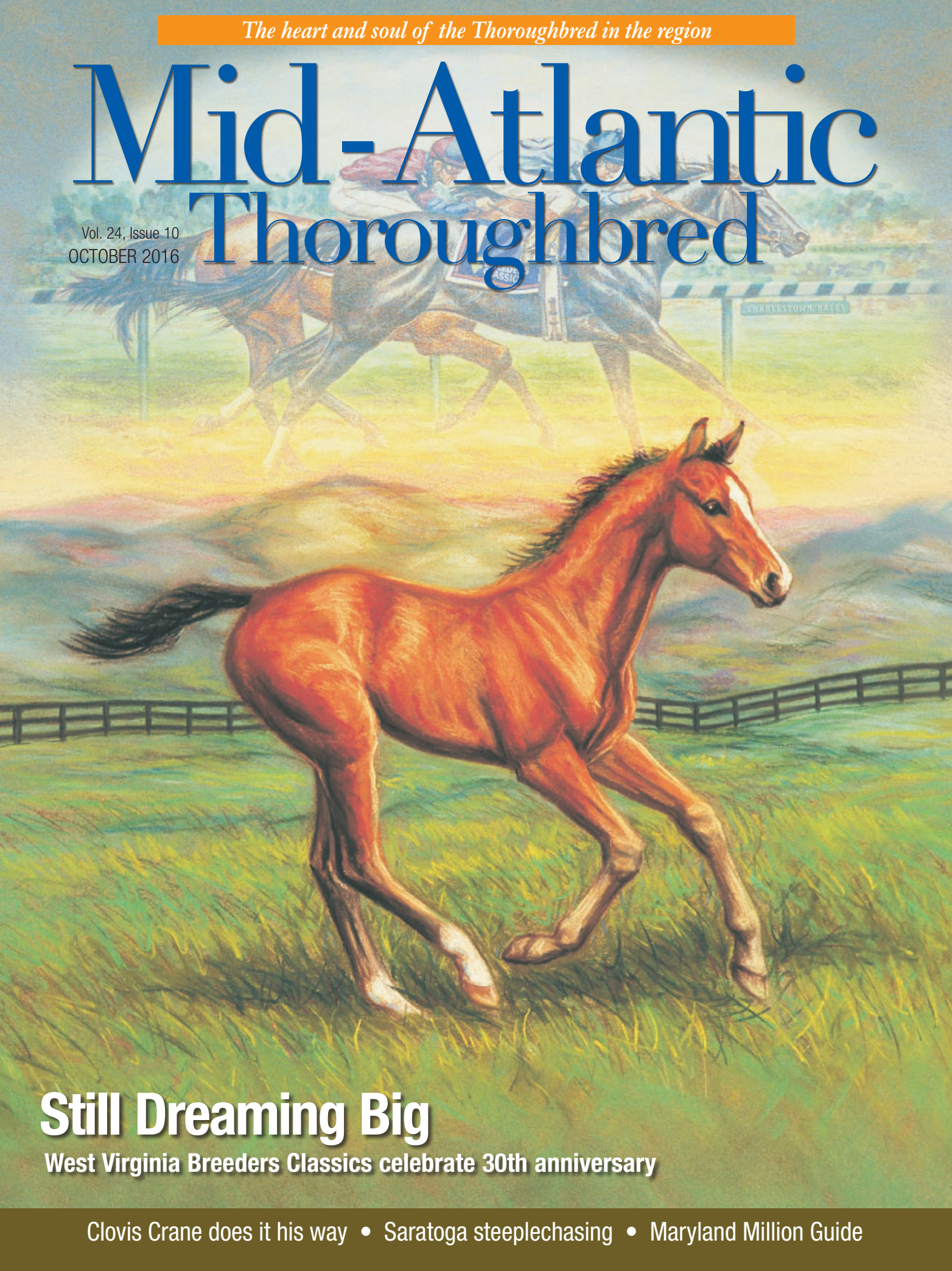


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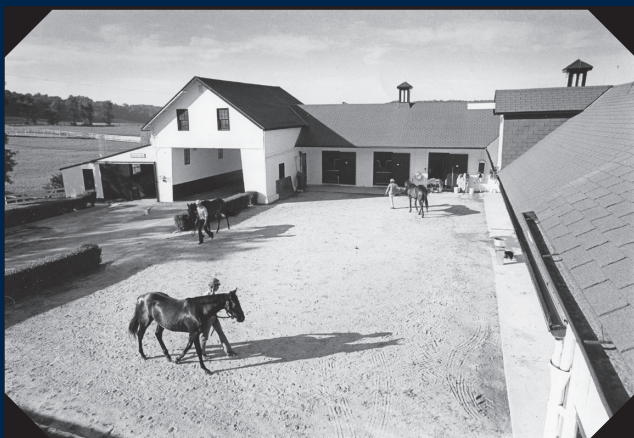
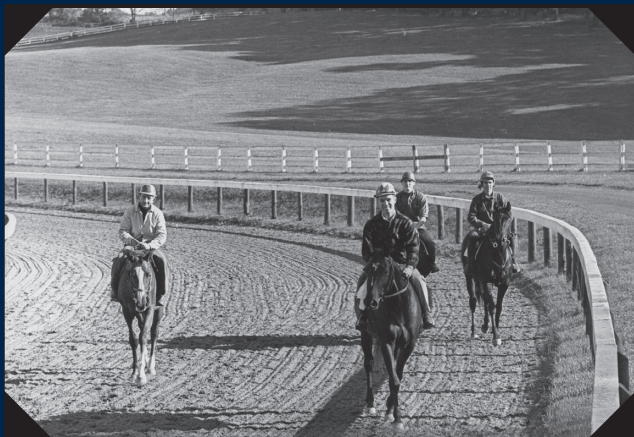
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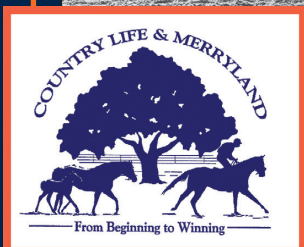
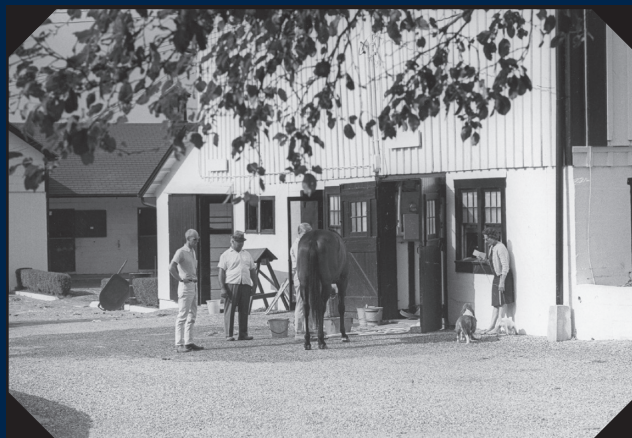
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Home on the range with Clovis Crane

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REGIONAL FARM BROKERS

POST TIME

THE SHADOW. Convey, a mare at the Safely Home division of Dark Hollow Farm in Upperco, Md., stops the camera of Lucas Richardson during a summer visit.

Richardson, who turns 9 on Oct. 11, won a blue ribbon in the Maryland State Fair photo contest for the image—judged the best in the Animals (black and white) division for photographers under age 16.

Richardson is the son of Maryland Horse Breeders Association director of finance Nicole Hart-Richardson and Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association executive director David Richardson. The Richardsons live in Manchester, Md., and Lucas attends St. Joseph's School in Cockeysville.

As a photographer, he knows what he's looking for: "I had suggested several things to take pictures of [i.e. puddles, clouds, etc.]," said Nicole. "He respectfully had no interest in my suggestions. He was determined to head to Safely Home and snap horse/farm related pictures."





SAY IT AGAIN

“I hope so, it’s been in a plastic bag since last year.”

Trainer Janet Elliot, when asked if her navy Hall of Fame blazer was ready for the 2016 induction ceremony

“The only words I said more often than ‘And they’re off’ were
‘And entering the winner’s circle is Ramon Dominguez.’ ”

Hall of Famer ceremony host (and former NYRA announcer) Tom Durkin, introducing Dominguez at the Hall of Fame

“I was getting the cold sweats.”

Jocks’ agent Kidd Breeden, after briefly losing his pen one morning in Saratoga

“He didn’t get half the care the current Thoroughbreds get, but I don’t remember ever having a vet bill.”

Owner Willie White, about a Chincoteague pony he rode as a kid

“This is like the first at The Meadowlands.”

Jockey Chris DeCarlo, headed to the paddock for the 12th race at Saratoga one evening this summer

“I’m like a two-headed cat in a creamery.”

Owner George Mahoney, on what it feels like to win at Saratoga

“In this game you have to realize you can’t do it all yourself. You can’t be afraid to ask for help.”

Trainer Chad Brown on utilizing Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center to help a horse recover from a race

“He got beat a quarter-of-a-mile. I can see blaming a jockey
for a length, maybe 5 lengths, but he got beat a quarter-of-a-mile.”

Saratoga valet and former jockey Nick Santagata, after a trainer criticized a jump jockey’s ride

“I had the horse ready to run, but he didn’t have a name. They said they were thinking on it. I
was ready to enter him three times. He couldn’t run anyway, but the horse didn’t have a name.”

#Trainerproblems

“There’s a bale of alfalfa on the corner that’s the bane of my existence right now.”

Leigh Delacour, while trying to ride Fair Hill-based Grade 1 winner (and Grade 1 eater) A. P. Indian around the barn

“There’s no sense going to the Bugatti dealership if all you can afford is a Hyundai.”

Trainer Clovis Crane, on why he skips the earliest sessions at Keeneland September



Double Trouble. Two (look closely) colts at Marathon Farms in Maryland practice for the synchronized trotting competition.



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Regional-breds Karaul (left photo) and Martin Night Bars pose with their connections after winning major races in Russia in August.

To Russia with Love

Virginia-bred wins Russian Derby to head strong regional showing

Representatives from Barsuk T. L. Farm went to a familiar and proven source when shopping for racing prospects at the 2014 Keeneland September yearling sale and fortunately Virginia's Audley Farm supplied consignor Brookdale Sales with just the type of colt the Russian agents were looking to buy.

The Virginia-bred—a son of Malibu Moon out of the Smart Strike mare Hatpin named Martin Night Bars—sold for \$70,000 and nearly two years later rewarded his owners with a victory in the Russian Derby at Central Moscow Hippodrome Aug. 28.

"It was awesome," said Jamie McDiarmid, Audley's equine manager. "Probably one of the good sides of the story, and there are many, is that the gentleman that bought the horse from Brookdale had bought a yearling from them the year before that had just won the Russian Derby, so he was coming back for another one. So in three years they sold him two horses that won the Russian Derby."

The 2,400-meter Russian Derby, recognized in that nation as a Group 1 stakes and worth approximately \$61,335, was one of two stakes on the Aug. 28 card won by runners bred in the Mid-Atlantic and one of five won by graduates of Keeneland September.

The day's other Mid-Atlantic-bred winner was Karaul, a 2-year-old son of Shackleford out of the Cozzene mare Pier Sixty Six, who won the \$23,000 Grand Prix going 1 mile. Bred in West Virginia by Hector Alcalde, Karaul sold for \$27,000 to MAB Agency at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Martin Night Bars led a one-two finish for Mid-Atlantic-breds in the Russian Derby, scoring by a head over Maryland-bred Saarstown. Bred by the Alan Kline Revocable Trust and sold for \$40,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale, Saarstown is out of the unraced Saarland mare Saarley Solution.

Martin Night Bars is the fifth foal out of Hatpin, who was sold by Audley for \$135,000 in foal to Bodemeister at Keeneland January 2015. Foals out of Hatpin sold well for Audley at public auction. Her first, the Johannesburg colt Dannhauser, brought \$270,000 at Keeneland September in 2009 and the Indian Charlie gelding Shaishee sold for \$325,000 at Keeneland September in 2011. Brookdale sold both colts, along with another by Harlan's Holiday named Kit Check who brought \$190,000 at the same sale last year.

"I wish we could say we still own the mare but we actually don't," McDiarmid said. "We sold her after we sold that colt. Hill 'n' Dale bought her, so she went to a great home, she'll be well looked after."

"She was getting older and we were in sort of a rebuilding mode at the time. Sale-wise she had done OK, we were almost out on her so it was a good moment to move on. If I like the mare and we're selling, usually I like to keep a daughter and we did that, a foal by Empire Maker named Hatmaker who we have now at the farm. We kept a little piece of the mantel, know what I mean?"

Audley bred and sold Grade 1 winner and 2012 Kentucky Derby and Preakness runner-up Bodemeister and its position in the Mid-Atlantic breeding industry is

well established. Audley sold Bodemeister's dam, the Storm Cat mare Untouched Talent, for \$5 million. The farm was a four-time winner of Virginia's top breeder award and also produced Grade 1 winner Mandy's Gold. Now the Berryville operation can boast of a Russian Derby winner.

"As a yearling he was pretty straightforward," McDiarmid said. "Good and strong, a little bit crooked hence the price, but you can get that Malibu Moon you know. Strong, racy looking, hard-knocking type of horse. We bred him and we're happy to have a Russian Derby winner off the farm. And we're pretty sure the guy will be back at Brookdale this year looking for another one."

Karaul, originally purchased as a weanling by Machmer Hall for \$48,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale in 2014, is the fourth winner from the first six foals to race out of Pier Sixty Six. The mare's second foal, the Aragorn gelding Paco Smart, won six of 29 starts and earned \$309,446 from 2011-14 and two West Virginia Breeders Classic stakes events.

Alcalde purchased Pier Sixty Six, out of graded stakes winner Double Sixes, as an unraced 3-year-old for \$100,000 at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February mixed sale.

Barsuk T. L. Farm owned two of the other American-bred winners in Russia Aug. 29—Conard Lord, a 4-year-old colt by Congrats who won the Group 1 N. N. Nasibov Cup; and Dominika Bars, a 3-year-old filly by Kitten's Joy who won the Russian Racecourses PLC Stakes. The other American-bred winners were Ikaryi, a 4-year-old by Indian Charlie who won the Grand Sprinters Stakes; and Tiger Kid, a 5-year-old son of Lemon Drop Kid who won the \$153,536 President of the Russian Federation Stakes.

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NAMES OF THE MONTH

Jump for Trump: The Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly, a daughter of Jump Start and Campaign Vows, won at Timonium in September.

Dirty Dozen: Bred by Wendy Kinnamon, the 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred filly is by Naughty New Yorker out of Powdered Donut.

Geographical oddity: Owner/trainer/breeder Elizabeth Meehan named her 3-year-old daughter of Mesopotamia for the area in the Tigris-Euphrates river system consisting of what is today most of Iraq, Kuwait and eastern Syria.

Immunity: The 3-year-old gelding, who races for the Meyerhoff family, is by Blame out of Auspiciously.

Dorothy from Dublin: Franklin Smith's 2-year-old filly is by Paddy O'Prado out of Ruby Red Shoes, and there's no place like home.

THE RACING BIZ

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A pretty good month for Lacey

Gaudet: Lacey Gaudet ran her first-ever horse at Saratoga Aug. 7, with Pret Say Eye finishing third on a day that the 27-year-old trainer called a "dream come true." Two weeks later at Laurel, she logged the first stakes win of her career with John Jones.

A visit with Steve Hamilton: Gary Quill caught up and spent a few minutes doing a video interview with jockey Steve "Cowboy" Hamilton, who returned to riding after a decade away.

For trainer Keith Nations, a successful rebuilding: Trainer Keith Nations was doing fine on the California fair circuit in 2013, when he decided to head East. That meant a total rebuild of his racing outfit. Doug McCoy reports.

Spa Diary—Ray Handal: Teresa Genaro's stories of Mid-Atlantic people and horses who made their way up to Saratoga included trainer Ray Handal, who got his first job as a hot-walker at Colonial Downs in Virginia, where he met Jonathan Sheppard and learned to ride under Sheppard's tutelage, and for a time worked with Michael Matz at Fair Hill.

Full circle for Gabriel Saez: Ten years ago a young 18-year-old jockey from Port Darien, Panama, named Gabriel Saez arrived at Delaware Park. McCoy reports that almost 1,000 wins later, Saez returned to the place that kick-started a career that has included some spectacular highs and some heart-wrenching lows.

New Englander Gorham making a Mid-Atlantic racing home: Trainer Michael Gorham, a Massachusetts native, has become a familiar face on Mid-Atlantic back- and front-sides, reported McCoy.

Exchange wagering inches forward in Delaware

A proposal to allow Delaware Park's signal to be used in New Jersey's exchange wagering site got a positive reception—but no action—from the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission in August.

The following is an excerpt of Frank Vespe's business piece about exchange wagering's future.

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Exchange wagering may be, as some have said, the wave of the future. But it seems likely the future won't hit Delaware Park until 2017. That was the upshot of a lengthy discussion at the August meeting of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission (DTRC). Though it did not vote, the Commission generally seemed receptive to the concept.

"I think the overriding reason to endorse this is... it's incumbent on our sport" to attract more and younger bettors, said DTRC chairman Duncan Patterson.

But in the end, the Commission deferred action on the matter until the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (DTHA) has had a chance to review the proposal. The organization is soon to seat a new board of directors, which will take the matter up, said DTHA executive director Bessie Gruwell. The DTHA's consent to the signal's export is required under federal law.

With Delaware's 2016 meet set to end Oct. 15, it seems unlikely that the track's signal will appear on the exchange prior to next season.

The proposal on the table is to include Delaware Park's racing in the nation's only operating wagering exchange, which is operated by Betfair and limited to residents of New Jersey who are physically located in New Jersey when they wager.

Because the state of Delaware currently does not permit account wagering, a legislative change would be required to allow an exchange open to Delaware residents to operate there.

Exchange wagering hit the United States for the first time earlier this year when the U.S. subsidiary of Paddy Power Betfair, the Dublin-based wagering giant, launched an online exchange in conjunction with Monmouth Park. The exchange matches bets between players, allowing them to back (bet on) or lay (bet against) a horse, as well as to wager during the running of a race. Betfair takes a 12 percent commission on net winnings, which then is split with racetracks and horsemen; that takeout is far below the industry's typical 20 percent blended rake on dollars wagered.

The exchange launched in May and includes signals from 21 tracks so far. Among the positive results Betfair general counsel John Hindman cited is a customer base 20 years younger, on average, than that of the 4NJBets.com traditional wagering platform the company also manages for Monmouth. At the same time the exchange has had no negative impact on the handle generated by the traditional platform.

"The track position is that we need to find a new customer that's not here," Delaware Park track president Bill Fasy told the DTRC. "I believe this is the future of how bets are going to be made."

Jim McKay MARYLAND MILLION DAY



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Retired: Chris Scherf, as executive vice president of Maryland-based Thoroughbred Racing Associations of North America, effective in October. Scherf came to the TRA following a four-year stint with the New York Racing Association and was named to succeed J. B. Faulconer in the executive vice president post in February 1989.

During Scherf's tenure the TRA formed a joint partnership with The Jockey Club to form Equibase Co. and launched the creation of national merged pool, full-card simulcasting among other developments. Scherf is co-chairman of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium and has been a longtime member of the American Horse Council's Racing Committee.

Ended: Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard's consecutive win streak at Saratoga on the final day of racing, Sept. 5. His 14th starter at the meet, War Baby, finished eighth of 12 in the meet's final race as Sheppard attempted to win at least one race at Saratoga for the 48th consecutive year. Sheppard finished second three times and third twice during the meet.

Returned: To the saddle for racing, jockey Steve Hamilton, after nearly 10 years in retirement. Hamilton rode Matters to Me to a second in the fourth race at Timonium Aug. 27 in his first mount since 2006. The winner of 1,238 races from 1990 to 2000 and 2004 to 2006, Hamilton rode 100 or more winners in seven seasons and rode John's Call to victory in the Laurel Turf Cup-G3 in 1999.

Scheduled: For next August in Saratoga, the first Equestricon international racing convention and industry trade show geared toward racing fans and industry insiders. The event, founded and managed by West Chester, Pa.-based Thoroughbred owners and breeders Justin Nicholson and Kathryn Sharp of Ninety North Racing and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* correspondent Dan Tordjman, will span Aug. 13-15 at the city center in downtown Saratoga. For more, see equestricon.org.

Recorded: Her first stakes win, jockey Ashley Castrenze aboard Glen Hill Farm's homebred Caribou Club in the \$75,000 Laurel Futurity Sept. 10. The 2-year-old City Zip colt broke his maiden winning the 5½-furlong turf race, which was Castrenze's second stakes mount.

Hired: As executive vice president of food and beverage for The Stronach Group, Tamir Shanel. Most recently in a similar position with Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, Shanel brings three decades of experience in premier international hospitality operations across Asia, Europe, Canada and the U.S.

Accepted: Officials from the United Way of Central Maryland, a \$10,000 check from the Maryland Jockey Club for the ECStrong Fund, established in August for victims of flash floods in Ellicott City. MJC President and General Manager Sal Sinatra made the presentation following the sixth race Aug. 20 at Laurel Park during Maryland Pride Day celebrations.

Received: The 2016 Robert N. Clay Conservation Award, Marylander Peter Fenwick for his work with the Valleys Planning Council in preserving open space



for equestrian and other uses. The award, presented by the Equine Land Conservation Resource, is named in recognition of Clay's equine land conservation leadership in the Thoroughbred industry and was presented at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association National Awards dinner in Lexington, Ky., Sept. 10.

Fenwick, a lifelong horseman, has served on the board of the Valleys Planning Council since 2001 and as president since 2005.

The VPC was started in the 1960s to preserve the historic character and maintain the rural feel and land uses amidst urbanization and sprawl associated with the construction of the Baltimore Beltway. With more than 62,000 acres under conservation easements, Baltimore County leads all Maryland counties and the VPC continues to protect the agriculture, the equestrian lifestyle and heritage of the area with the conservation of more than 30,000 acres. Horses represent a significant part of the history of Baltimore County with more than 10,000 valued at more than \$121 million.

GO FIGURE

6 Yearlings bred in the Mid-Atlantic region in Book 1 of the Keeneland September yearling sale—4 from Pennsylvania, 1 from Virginia and 1 from West Virginia.

29 Yearlings bred in the Mid-Atlantic region in Keeneland's Book 2, including 12 from Maryland.

10 Wins for Tim Keefe and Hamilton Smith to share the training title at Laurel Park's summer meeting that ran from June 29 to Aug. 21. The title was the first in Keefe's career and the fifth for Smith, who finished in a three-way tie with Dale Capualo and Gammy Vazquez during the 2007 spring meet at Laurel.

7 Trainers based primarily in the Mid-Atlantic with multiple wins at Saratoga in 2016—Graham Motion (nine), Jason Servis (eight), Tom Proctor (six) and Arnaud Delacour, Elizabeth Voss, Jack Fisher and Doug Fout (two each).

29 Meet-leading victories for Jevian Toledo at the Laurel summer stand, nine more than runner-up Feargal Lynch. Toledo rode one winner or more on 16 of the 24 days of the summer meet.

20.2 Percent increase for total handle at Laurel's summer meet compared to last year. The Maryland Jockey Club reported \$63.2 million wagers this year, compared to \$52.6 million in 2015. Average daily handle increased 12.4 percent while in-state handle rose 14.2 percent.

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Shakin All Over



MAGGIE KIMMITT

In 1989, Tim Woolley headed to Delaware Park's paddock sale with a modest bankroll and an eye toward launching his training career. Woolley had by then been freelancing as an exercise rider at Fair Hill Training Center and Delaware Park for two years, and one of his regular mounts was a 3-year-old filly named Shakin All Over in the barn of Patti Miller. When word came that the Florida-bred daughter of It's Freezing and the Navajo mare Andthebeatgoeson had been consigned, Woolley thought the small but gritty filly would be a great first project.

"It was a horses-of-racing-age sale held over in the hacienda," he said, of the former Brandywine Stable property

adjacent to the stable area. "It was always toward the end of the meet in the fall. Trainers based there would just have a yard sale so to speak. There were maybe 100 horses. I bought her for myself; I was trying to get into the game a little bit and thought she might be a cheap one just to mess around with."

The young native of Derby, near Birmingham, England, had come to this country in 1987 to work for trainer Michael Dickinson, then also at Fair Hill.

"In England I was trying to be a steeplechase jockey, but it's like anything," Woolley said. "You've got to have the rides, and I'd gotten to be an also-ran so I thought it was time to do something

different. I stayed the summer here and just really scouted out what I wanted to do, then went home for the winter and came back."

Woolley started out galloping in the mornings and then began breaking babies in the afternoons. As the youngsters progressed, they would frequently make their way back to Woolley for their continued education, preparation and gate cards. He and wife Penny, whom he met while she was working for steeplechase trainer Janet Elliot in Oxford, Pa., rented a few stalls at Fair Hill for their growing outfit.

Penny was with Tim at Delaware the day he purchased Shakin All Over.

"I think we paid like \$600 for her. And I guess at the time I thought I liked her aggressiveness," Tim said. "But the more you're around horses, you learn that aggressiveness doesn't always relate to performance on the track."

Shakin All Over ran just a few races for her new ownership (and under the name of trainer Sharon Clark) as a 4-year-old in 1990 before that aggressiveness became her undoing. Coming off the track at Atlantic City that July, she started cutting up and jumping around, resulting in a condylar fracture of an ankle.

Faced with a "What do we do now?" predicament, the Woolleys decided against surgery and opted for stall rest. The ankle healed over time, so the next logical discussion concerned her future as a broodmare.

She had won just one race in her career—not for the Woolleys—and earned \$5,081. But she had demonstrated enough toughness and determination to convince them to try.

"The first stallion we went to was Iron. We got a filly out of that whom we named It's Ironie [six starts, six losses]. Then the second time we went

to breed her, I took her to Northview Stallion Station [in Chesapeake City, Md.]. Baederwood, whom we'd gone to, wasn't very fertile at that time. And that's when they said to me 'We've got this new young stallion, you might want to try him.' And it was Not For Love. So we got him the very first year he stood."

The resulting foal was a Pennsylvania-bred filly they called Allure l'Amour. She won two races for them before being claimed at Penn National in 2003.

The Woolleys gave careful consideration to Shakin All Over's future in the breeding shed. Both operated under the firm conviction that not every mare needs to reproduce. She was on the small side and despite being bred to larger stallions, her foals had not been big. Neither had much success.

"You see these 20-year-old mares who've had 10, 15 foals. And very often nothing will have even gotten to the races or earned anything, but they keep breeding them . . . and you have to ask why," said Tim. "After two foals from her I could see enough to know. Both were kind of small. One ended up being by the leading sire in Maryland. But it was

like 'well, if she's not going to produce anything, then why bother?'"

Faced with that situation, many owners would never have kept Shakin All Over. But the Woolleys always managed to find useful work for her. She served as Tim's lead pony on the farm and helped break babies. She was the quintessential babysitter when new, timid youngsters arrived.

Now 30, "Shaky" lives on the small property the Woolleys rent for their horses near Fair Hill. It's the perfect set-up, with several paddocks, a 4-stall barn and a large run-in shed. She shares the space with Tim's two old paint lead ponies and Penny's retired Thoroughbred projects Manighar (Fr) and Cork County, who are embarking on new careers in the show ring. Manighar is a world-traveled graded stakes winner of \$3,656,834.

"We can't believe how well she looks, and we think this is probably the best she has ever looked," Tim said. "Penny diligently feeds her twice a day. Shaky prefers to live outside 24 hours, so we just put two turnout blankets on her in the winter. After 27 years, whatever she wants is fine."



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Hey racing, what's the big idea?

Carol Holden and Sam Huff dreamed up the West Virginia Breeders Classics and—although I wish they added an apostrophe—created something wild and wonderful. Now 30 years old, it's a night to be proud of West Virginia's Thoroughbred industry.

Jim McKay went to the Breeders' Cup—there's the apostrophe—and asked the question anyone could have asked. “Why wouldn't this work in Maryland?” And the Maryland Million was born in 1986. Now, the event attracts 20,000-ish people to Laurel Park every October.

In the 1980s, Guy Torsilieri and John von Stade thought they could take the Far Hills Races—already a successful steeplechase race meet and a New Jersey fall festival—to a new level with an improved concept and an emphasis on quality racing. The 2016 version will offer \$700,000 in purses, open its gates to 50,000 spectators, likely host an international runner or two and add to the millions it's raised for the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

In 1962, to incentivize Thoroughbred breeders, Maryland created the first state Thoroughbred breeding fund in the United States. The move birthed success in Maryland, and was a precursor to similar programs in virtually every state where racehorses are born and some where they aren't.

Back in the 1950s, Laurel Park owner John Schapiro talked with the *Daily Racing Form's* J. Sam Pearlman about a new race and the Washington, D.C., International was born. The first international Thoroughbred race in the United States hosted runners from England, Ireland, France, even the Soviet Union through the final running in 1994. Though ultimately squeezed out by the Breeders' Cup, the International showed the world such a concept could work. It may soon be on the verge of returning thanks to the Maryland Jockey Club.

Thoroughbred racing depends on what business leaders James Collins and Jerry Porras called, in their book *Successful Habits of Visionary Companies*, BHAGs. The acronym means Big Hairy Audacious Goals. By definition, a BHAG will seem questionable from the outside but not entirely impossible from the inside. In short, a BHAG is a big idea, an “Oh what the hell” statement. Successful people everywhere have said it, moments before stepping out into the great unknown.

And pretty much anything good in racing hinged on somebody's BHAG—the West Virginia Breeders Classics, the Maryland Million, Far Hills, the D.C. International, Maryland's Bred Fund and other programs like it. The push continues today with the sometimes uneasy connection of alternative gaming and racing, the launch of new stud farms, the Delaware-certified program in a state with no breeding history, the odd American jump jockey plying his/her trade in a colony dominated by English and Irish journeymen. Heck, the dream that an unraced 2-year-old—any unraced 2-year-old—might develop into a Triple Crown hopeful next year—is a BHAG. This magazine, launched by Humphrey Finney in 1936, was certainly just a big idea back then. Now, it's a reality even if it swims upstream as a monthly print product in a new-media world filled with tweets and chats and posts.

You've got to be a bit of a dreamer to make it in this game.

You've got to breed horses you hope somebody wants, own horses you aren't sure can win, train horses by feel and intuition as much as facts, ride horses you might not be able to control and count on some breaks to come your way. You've got to believe it will work, even when logic might tell you otherwise.

So where are today's big ideas? They're out there, if you look and use your imagination.

Here's a few. Put them on your list:

- Uniformity. I'll put it here, because there's nowhere else to go. It's time, way beyond time, for national rules for illegal/legal medication, testing and penalties. That's the BHAG, racing. Write it on your whiteboard and work on it. Every day.

- Stability. It's what state breeding incentive programs crave. Maryland is proving it with a steady increase in foals being born. Other states are proving it too, in the opposite direction, as a lack of long-term stability shakes breeders and numbers in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, this one relies on outside entities—namely politicians, state governments and racetrack operators—but it's not impossible. Find your version of stability, and make it a goal.

- Cooperation. Racing dates abound in the Mid-Atlantic with competing meets at (deep breath) Charles Town, Delaware Park, Laurel Park, Meadowlands, Monmouth Park, Parx Racing, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs. It's a free-market country, and competition is good for everyone but there will be a breaking point. Someday, a track will crack and racing dates will be cut. Horses and horsemen will lose. Nobody asked, and it will make some people cringe, but why can't two states cooperate on a racing schedule and all that comes with it? Run fewer dates, share horses, horsemen and officials, offer free van rides between two barn areas. Work together and be stronger.

- Fair Hill. This is a little more specific than the others and some stuff is percolating, slowly, but there's no good reason the steeplechase turf course in Cecil County, Md., can't be a mix of Kentucky Downs and Lambourn. Built as a steeplechase course in 1990, the former hosts five days of championship flat racing each September (handle averaged \$4.5 million a day this year). The latter is a major training center in England, with community gallops paid for on a monthly basis by resident trainers or on a per-use basis by visitors. Owned by the state, steeped in history and connected to the thriving training center across the street, Fair Hill's race course should be much more than it is.

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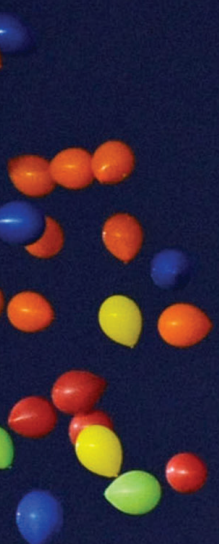


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Hopes, dreams at 30

*Anniversary spurs thoughts
of past, future in West Virginia*

By Vinnie Perrone



“I didn’t believe it,” Buck Woodson said. “I couldn’t believe it.” Even then, nearly 30 years past, doubt had no residence in Woodson’s West Virginia stable, the space long occupied by back-at-the-knees sensation Onion Juice. Race after marvelous race, the conformational misfit had outrun better-made rivals, winning stakes, stoking hope, assuring Woodson that certain gallant homebreds surmount odds far beyond the tote board.

This he had seen. But what he heard in the frosty gray Shenandoah foothills those early days of 1987, whispers of a lavish stakes-filled night for West Virginia horses the coming autumn, coaxed chilly skepticism. They foretold a debutante ball for a homely acquaintance, Charles Town racetrack, and the locals she’d long served. Woodson tried hard to picture the poor old wretch a made-up beauty, with a dowry no less, but conjured nothing.

Such was Charles Town’s sad persona, her hand-to-mouth existence: purses short of \$25,000 certain nights; sub-\$2,000 claimers; top-condition allowance races worth \$5,700; a \$15,000 stakes for stand-out state-breds.

“If you had a fifteen-hundred-dollar claimer, you had to win seven races a year to feed it,” Woodson said. “Once I told my wife, ‘We’re havin’ a good time goin’ broke, aren’t we?’ It wasn’t a real kind look she gave me.”

Sam Huff, a West Virginia-bred NFL Hall of Famer, sought a way to dress threadbare Charles Town in title-game finery, to enrich the track’s long-scuttling horsemen and toast their underappreciated state-bred runners; in sum, to turn the gas-light track electric. Then a nascent owner/breeder, Huff drew inspiration from the first Maryland Million, 1986, and pointedly pursued career horsewoman and racing administrator Carol Holden to sketch a blueprint for something they might call the West Virginia Breeders Classics.

A golf tournament, celebrity breakfast and black-tie affair would preface the inaugural running, and the program proper would boast all the trappings of a bona-fide pageant: infield-bound skydivers, corporate sponsorships and national TV coverage of the marquee race. For that, Huff envisioned a \$100,000 contest, a sum unfathomed in Charles Town’s then-54-year span.

From Woodson’s Buckstud and beyond, misgivings sounded. A Charles Town HBPA official belly-laughed at the absurdity of a six-figure race, let alone four supporting \$25,000s, especially with only token, promissory aid from pugnacious track owners. An employee of Charles Town’s scant publicity department told a work-anxious colleague, “Don’t worry—it’ll never happen.” Even Holden’s ledger spoke uncertainty: She had no dedicated checking account for Classics-related business, using counter checks as tender.

What happened next burnished West Virginia sporting lore, pumped the crowd, changed the scoreboard. Huff and Holden connected on a Hail Mary and hit pay dirt.

On Oct. 8, 2016, following days of related festivities, the 30th West Virginia Breeders Classics will showcase horses sired or bred in West Virginia, revive local rivalries, stir the masses anew and relate much of it across two TV networks. The extravaganza will praise the state breeding industry’s unquestioned gains, a cause it directly enhanced, and graphically portray West Virginia’s born-again essence-cum-slots. From the 1987 inaugural, which featured five races and \$200,000 in purses, the 2016 edition promises nine races and \$1.17 million. Said total would push collective Classics outlays beyond \$25 million, a lasting bonanza for state horse owners and breeders.

Having co-piloted the Breeders Classics through three decades of swirling cross-

winds, Holden alone now has the yoke. Huff had used his standing, initiative, acumen and geniality to persuade racing and business entities to back the project; in the process, he and Holden became life partners. They shepherded the Classics together, until dementia left Huff to the sidelines.

James W. “Jim” Casey, the Taylor Mountain Farm patriarch whose family has trained 43 Breeders Classics winners and owned 35, many of them homebreds, said the program remains a testament to Huff’s keen vision, bold deeds and homespun charm.

“Sam Huff had a lot of pull,” Casey said. “He was well-liked, well-known in the state. Nobody else could have done it, but he pulled it off.”

The ensuing Classics have blended melodramatic flair, outcomes poignant, buoyant and sullen, impressive side-shows and comical accents. And they’ve broadcast West Virginia-bred virtues in a way that both has fortified the product and awakened the world. In 2011, nearly a quarter-century after he won the first Classic headliner with Onion Juice, Woodson sold a War Front colt from the Old Trieste mare Dancing Trieste for \$190,000, a record fetch for a West Virginia-bred weanling. The following year, Demi O’Byrne of Coolmore Stud Ireland snared Giovanni Boldini for \$675,000, a state-bred record for a yearling.

In his mid-80s then, Woodson bought a new farm, then another.

But as the Breeders Classics bathe Charles Town in bright and now-accustomed light, its bolstered principals peer into outlying darkness.

Toward Charleston, where antipathetic state legislators steadfastly have reduced West Virginia’s slots-drawn purse supplements. Toward Maryland, where the stout appetite for late-coming casino play continues to thwart Charles Town’s gaming take—with National Harbor’s pending launch an added shackle. Toward the bottom line, where purse distributions at West Virginia’s horse tracks, Charles Town and Mountaineer, totaled \$43 million in 2015—less than half their 2004 peak of \$89.6 million, according to The Jockey Club. The chokehold ongoing, horsemen have braced for further tightening this year.

“It’s basically, at this point, an unstable environment to invest in,” said O’Sullivan Farms owner and Charles Town Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association President Randy Funkhouser.

Cuts have stung the Classics too. The race program once received 1 percent of slots proceeds; now, 0.5 percent. Correspondingly, its annual outlays have nearly halved, from a \$1.985 million peak in 2009 to \$1.08 million last year.

The penetrating impact of the Classics on West Virginia breeding, and of the purse cuts on horsemen, relate squarely through the deeds and aims of Jim Miller. A Hagerstown, Md., resident, Miller bought his first horse in 2011, built an unnamed 20-acre farm outside Charles Town in 2014 and births each of his 15 mares there, making them West Virginia-breds and thus Classics-eligible. He races those he doesn't sell.

Miller said he established a breeding operation in West Virginia largely for the Classics; he won the Triple Crown Nutrition with homebred 2-year-old fillies in 2013 and '14 and sold a \$250,000 Candy Ride colt, from the Lemon Drop Kid mare Mantekilla, at last year's Fasig-Tipton October Fall Yearling Sale in Kentucky. But with Charles Town's purses and breeders' supplements diminishing, Miller said, he'll consider foaling some of his mares outside West Virginia starting 2017.

Holden, wise to the trends and growing anxiety, said, "Of course it's a little bit different now worrying about the purse money. We were on a nice, steady roll. I felt sorry for everybody in Maryland but was glad for us. Now the tables have turned."

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The phone message, Holden thought, promised more a bother. A Marriott hotel VP named Huff had called to see if they could meet. It was May 1985.

"I thought it was just another executive looking for an afternoon in Middleburg," she said.

At the time, Holden worked "both sides of the mountain": mornings at the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund at Charles Town, created a year earlier to promote state-breds by offering bonuses to breeders and owners of racers and stallions; afternoons in Middleburg, Va., not far from home, developing racing syndications. That venture launched from Holden's \$6,200 pluck of Maryland-bred juvenile filly Owned by All (Mitey Prince—Mare Calda, by Gaelic Dancer), who'd win five stakes, place in the 1984 Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G3 and earn \$328,983.

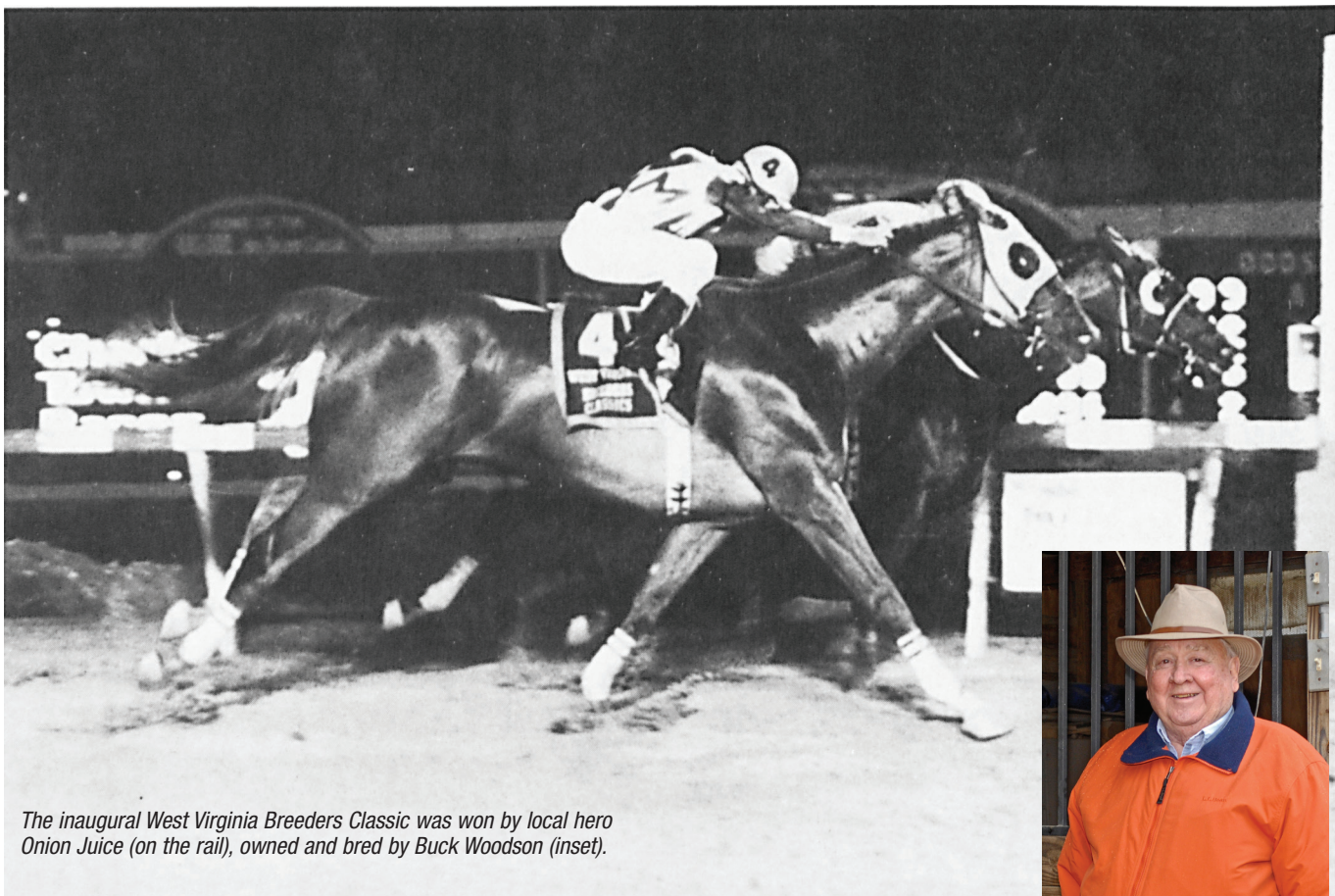
Huff hadn't such early scores with Marco Island, a gelding he owned with former West Virginia state legislator (and eventual Kentucky governor) Brereton



Sam Huff and Carol Holden steered the West Virginia Breeders Classics, the state's Thoroughbred showcase at Charles Town, from unknown concept to successful reality.

"Well, the money you're talking about, I think we can get these West Virginia people to run their horses. I can't tell you how good it's gonna be, but I think we can do it."

— Dickie Moore, Charles Town racing secretary in 1986, to Sam Huff, about the first running



The inaugural West Virginia Breeders Classic was won by local hero Onion Juice (on the rail), owned and bred by Buck Woodson (inset).

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Jones and Atlanta-based sports columnist Furman Bisher. But, from that first meeting, Holden scanned commitment.

They drove to a grassy range of Middleburg, 22 giving acres, that Huff had purchased. Along the way, he'd extolled the thrill of racing, the apparent scholarship behind Thoroughbred matings and the agricultural good that comes from each. Holden absorbed it all, until Huff started referencing his football past: for the West Virginia University Mountaineers (as an all-American), for the New York Giants (as the first rookie middle linebacker to start for an NFL champion, 1956) and later for the Washington Redskins (his last stop before the Hall of Fame). How, after a demanding football season that paid him \$5,000, he'd return to Farmington, W.Va., to work in the local grocery, keen to help the hometown team.

After the conversation lulled, she asked, "Who was it you said you played for?"

But the open pastures of Huff's acquisition kept her attention. This guy from West Virginia coal country, quite apparently, meant to cultivate another natural resource: The Horse. This she could follow: From childhood, Holden had looked to The Horse to take her places real and envisioned.

Father had found a Depression-era bargain, a farm in Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he bought and sold horses, opened a riding academy and offered hayrides. He left for a time, working to build a naval base in Panama to better pay off farm-related debts, but later had a stroke and had to liquidate. Holden pondered options.

"I come from a long line of school teachers, ministers and horse gyps," she said. "I got so tired of having to answer the question, 'What are you going to do? Teach?' Because I'm of that era where you were either a nurse or you taught school. I didn't know what I was going to do, but I knew I wasn't going to be a nurse or a schoolteacher."

Caretaking and tutoring touched other subjects. She ponied at Dover Downs, Garden State and Liberty Bell, groomed horses, walked hots for Buddy Delp at Bowie, did whatever needed doing at Rocketts Mill Farm in Doswell, Va., served as Penn National's horsemen's bookkeeper, drove a tractor, hunted and showed and rode for pleasure. Now she stood with Huff, surveying an open swath of Middleburg green that housed only his dreams.

The broodmare barn will go over there, he told her, the training track there, the

paddocks there. He didn't address the front drive, which would come to feature two gateposts: one the red, white and blue of Huff Farm, the other the pink and green of Holden's Sporting Life Farm.

Another grand collaboration would soon germinate. In October 1986, they drove from Middleburg to suburban Maryland, Sam at the wheel of a young Oldsmobile. "At that time he was doing television ads for Templeton Olds," Holden said. "He got a new one every six months."

The on-track doings at Laurel Race Course that day left Huff to rev. This novelty called the Maryland Million featured the racing offspring of Maryland stallions. Fans were charged, purses plump, races moving. On the way back, he asked Holden why Charles Town couldn't mimic the program in West Virginia.

She rattled off the reasons: the state's relatively insubstantial stallion population, the fund-raising trudge beyond nomination revenues, the organizational challenges, the lack of backing from cash-strapped track owners.

Huff thought a moment. Work on the eligibility part, he told her. I'll manage the rest.

Holden deduced that a program for West Virginia-sired or -bred offspring



Carol Holden and Sam Huff frame the presentation after the 1990 Classic, where Eleanor and Jim Casey flank jockey Lillian "Mitch" Kuykendall after the Caseys' homebred Taylor Mountain won his second Classic, and cemented the Casey family's success in the races.

would give the Classics 157 eligible runners, a sufficient wellspring, which started the creative waters bubbling. Huff spoke his hopes to Harry Buch, then state racing commission chairman and dedicated industry proponent, and eventually with Gov. Arch Moore. Holden directed Huff to Millard Harrell, her mentor at the Development Fund, and to Dickie Moore, who'd endured Charles Town's lasting plight as mutuels money runner, clerk of scales and racing secretary.

Moore and Huff met in Holden's Charles Town office, a place Holden called The Roach Den.

"Sam's talkin' about gettin' all these sponsors, and havin' all this money, and I was like, 'Man, is this guy good or what?'" said Moore, now Charles Town's general manager of racing operations. "And he said, 'It's gonna be your job to get the horses.' I said, 'Well, the money you're talking about, I think we can get these West Virginia people to run their horses. I can't tell you how good it's gonna be, but I think we can do it.'"

Through Buch's lead blocks, holes were opened to fund Classics purses through uncashed pari-mutuel tickets; sponsorships would cover operating expenses and the cost of Classics-week festivities. Bill Chesley, general manager of a local J.C. Penney, became founding sponsor at \$2,500.

In the spring of 1987, Huff and Holden drove to the Hunt Valley Inn in Baltimore County to dine on the wisdoms of Rich Wilcke, Maryland Horse Breeders Association executive and Maryland Million insider. Specifically, they sought guidance on the travails of launching the Million, the legal way to structure and establish it, how best to sustain it, potential pitfalls.

Beyond the logistical, other challenges hovered. A possible West Virginia teachers' strike commanded legislative and public attention the first half of '87, leaving Huff and Holden disinclined to announce the advent of the Classics for fear critics would deem their funding source better used for education.

That June, the teachers' issues settled, Huff and Holden publicly disclosed plans for the first West Virginia Breeders Classic program on Sept. 11, a mere three months later. Holden said one horsewoman grouched that the short turnaround would imposition her.

Through a football chum who'd ascended the distillery business, Huff got Jim Beam to sponsor the first Classic. When funds still appeared flimsy as liftoff drew near, Huff even squeezed a \$10,000 loan from tightfisted track president D. Keith Wagner—to be repaid within 10 days.

Hours before the early evening launch, as Huff and Holden coordinated the parachutists' dramatic arrival, other less-obvious challenges emerged. A \$25,000 pledge from the state lottery hadn't arrived, and soon came on-track grumblings about, of all things, music.

"It was 5 o'clock or so," Holden said. "Somebody came into the office—The Roach Den—and said that the outrider wasn't going to allow 'Country Roads' to be played before the race because it might upset the horses. Harry Buch said, 'I'll take



Randy Funkhouser and his mother Ruth hold the first of three Classic trophies won by Confucius Say (this one in 2001). Carol Holden presented the winning cooler showing off the \$250,000 purse. The millionaire also won in 2002 and 2007 and captured the "Onion Juice" in 2006.

care of it, Sam,' because Sam was about to become very unglued.

"Eventually, Sam and I went out and looked down the track as the horses were coming out. 'Country Roads' was playing, and the only horse acting up was the outrider's."

The warm, clear night was almost heaven. A state lottery rep showed with a \$25,000 check, and Charles Town connections won three of four \$25,000 stakes on the undercard, Willowdale Farms snaring two of them. The lone exception: Rock House, a 2-year-old chestnut colt who trucked in from Birmingham, Ala., and won the Vincent Moscarelli Memorial for an upstart trainer who'd gotten his first stakes score that very year.

Among the 7,518 present, few knew of 21-year-old trainer Steve Asmussen, but many knew and adored 7-year-old wonderhorse Onion Juice. Buck Woodson's oddly made knockabout had come to typify Charles Town's underdog ways, and the art of the possible. Onion Juice stepped into that first Classic with a gaudy 25 wins from 60 starts.

"He had a lot of problems; sometimes we didn't even think he would be able to race," Woodson said. Of the bay's back-at-the-knees issues, he said, "He woulda made a nice bow for a bow and arrow."

Despite public zealotry, Onion Juice brought 4-1 odds to the Classic; Bob's Boomer, another local hero at age 8, stood at 2-1 and Delaware Park émigré Kiss My Tan the 9-5 choice. The gates opened. William Lewis Jr. sent Onion Juice along to an undisturbed lead.

"I think I was settin' with some friends in one of the box seats down there," Woodson said. "I don't think I could afford a box seat at the time. I'm pretty sure I was a nervous wreck runnin' in a hundred-thousand-dollar race."

Down the backstretch, past the stands, through the backstretch and far turn Onion Juice held. Bob's Boomer escaped the chasing pack, gaining on the leader.

"I can still remember that night: the stands were packed," Randy Funkhouser said. "From the top of the lane to the wire, I could feel the grandstand swayin'. And you heard this chant: 'Juice! Juice! Juice! Juice!'"

Onion Juice held for the richest score in Charles Town history, and an ebullient Woodson said he'd further the West Virginia breed by retiring his homebred son of Quartermaster and the Victoria Park mare Menage. The following spring, Onion Juice covered 12 mares at Woodson's 16-acre farm on Willingham Road, a skip from the racetrack, got 10 in

foal and remained so frisky that Woodson put him back in training—for the Classic.

Kiss My Tan won that second running in '88, which sent trainer Larry Metz throughout the Mid-Atlantic and on to Kentucky in search of West Virginia-breds. "This [Breeders Classics] program in West Virginia has become something we point for every year," he said at the time.

For the 1989 event, Huff and Holden arranged to have horse-drawn carriages shuttle sponsors and dignitaries from the backstretch chute to the grandstand. Former Redskins quarterback Sonny Jurgensen sat in one carriage, Gov. Arch Moore in another.

"The one carrying the governor was coming up the chute," Holden said. "The horse was acting up. The sand was really deep. And all of a sudden we realized his carriage was splitting down the middle with his horse about ready to bolt. Got him out of there in a hurry. Put the governor in another one, the show went on and nobody up on the frontside really knew what happened."

Awareness grew elsewhere. The underlying objective of the Classics, to compel horse buyers and breeders to rethink their image of the West Virginia-bred, had taken root. As outside interests began to gauge new opportunity and the program's now-



Russell Road won his third Classic, worth \$500,000, in 2014. He's competed in seven consecutive runnings of the featured race on the card and has also finished second twice.

\$125,000 headliner, the Caseys turned it into a family affair.

Taylor Mountain (Dancing Czar—Area Conference, by Ambernash) drew in as an also-eligible for the '89 Classic, overpowered 3-10 Kiss My Tan with stunning ease and started the Caseys on a five-year gallop. Taylor Mountain won the Classic again in '90 for owner Eleanor Casey and breeder/trainer husband Jim, who then yielded to their sons. John Allen Casey owned and bred 1991 hero Nice Ainit and 1992-93 winner Coin Collector, both trained by veterinarian brother James M. (Jimmy) Casey.

"The Classic thing has been a big shot in the arm to everybody," Jim Casey said. In their case, big enough to help afford a 146-acre farm in Charles Town called Taylor Mountain, Jim's final army training exercise at Fort Dix.

Beyond the Casey family album, the six-race 1992 program embellished other scrapbooks. John McKee bred three winners on the card, each sired by Aye's Turn. One, Rachel's Turn, had developed hives that morning and received three baking powder baths before making the Schweppes U.S.A. her 13th of 15 career victories.

Classics race sponsors, meantime, came and went: Kamora succeeded Jim Beam in underwriting the 1990 Classic, then yielded

to Ronrico in 1992. Through the changes, the Classics program grew in purse and substance as Charles Town grew frail.

Frailer still come 1994, after Jefferson County voted down a referendum to put 400 video-lottery terminals—a euphemism for slot machines—at the track. Citing \$2 million in two-year losses and teetering on insolvency, Charles Town owners closed the track for three months to start 1995 in a worthy bid to stem losses and stave off creditors.

Unrest and uncertainty lingered into summer. Management threatened more closures. Horsemen threatened a boycott. And Huff made the firm decision to move the 1995 Classics to Mountaineer Park.

A year later, another slots bill deemed likely to pass and Penn National positioned as a conditional buyer, the Classics returned to Charles Town for good. In time, as the track expanded its gambling menu and got a glitzy makeover, the Classics grew and changed too. Purse funding once linked to uncashed pari-mutuel tickets later would derive from 1 percent of slots proceeds (eventually reduced to a half-percent).

In 2004, the Classics program dealt \$1 million in prize money for the first time. A year thereafter, the Classic headliner reached \$500,000, a level maintained each

year since as program-wide purses grew, then ebbed.

Along the way, Classics races inflated and inflicted. In 1999, the brilliant-but-fragile A Huevo splashed to a track record for trainer Michael Dickinson, the revision and the purse later expunged for a clenbuterol infraction. Five years and five races later, A Huevo (Cool Joe—Verabald, by Baldski) returned at age 8 and won the Classic by nearly 20 lengths despite Ramon Dominguez's taut rein. Energized by his 2005 title defense, bettors made him 1-2 and readied again for his glorious strides. Instead they saw his last: A Huevo broke down barely a furlong into the race and couldn't be saved.

In 2002, O'Sullivan Farms homebred Confucius Say won his second straight Classic, this by nearly a dozen lengths, and might have revised the nine-furlong track record had jockey Larry Reynolds pushed him. Better he didn't: Confucius Say left the race with a minor tendon bow.

The Funkhousers gave him more than three years to heal, then returned him to trainer George Yetsook to stride toward the 2006 Breeders Classics. He won a supporting stakes that night, the \$100,000 Onion Juice, and returned the following year for an after-the-fact victory in the Classic. Second in the race, Confucius Say

was promoted after the disqualification of first-place Eastern Delite for a medication violation. By Eastover Court from the Feel the Power mare Mo Chun, Confucius Say stood the first and only winner of four Breeders Classics races.

With the retirement of Confucius Say in 2009, Russell Road (Wheaton—Roberta Grump, by Verification) became the program's enduring heartthrob. He too has won three Breeders Classics (2009, '11 and '14), finished second twice and in August surpassed \$2 million in earnings at age

10. He's won 31 of 62 for owner Mark Russell and trainer Jim Casey, and might get another crack at the Classic this year.

Across Charles Town, horsemen say Huff and Holden succeeded in their underlying quest to enhance the West Virginia-bred; in the words of Funkhouser, to elevate "backyard breeding programs."

He added, "Things started to grow. It gave a higher visibility, and a showcase for our best West Virginia-breds. It encouraged people to breed better horses to win lucrative purses. And, with that, we went

out and tried to get the best horses that we could stand at stud."

To O'Sullivan stallion Shy Native, the Funkhousers added Feel the Power, Eastover Court, Prized, Housebuster and Bop; later Limehouse, second this year among Mid-Atlantic studs, and others.

At Taylor Mountain, Dancing Czar, Weshaam and My Boy Adam predated now-aged stallions Windsor Castle (18) and Luftikus (20). To bolster stud rolls, Casey spent \$100,000 on Charitable Man, by far West Virginia's leading freshman sire

West Virginia Breeders Classics year-by-year

Year	Races	Purses-breeder awards	Classic value	Winner	Sire	Breeder	Owner	Trainer
1987	5	\$200,000	\$100,000	Onion Juice	Quartermaster	Charles (Buck) Woodson Jr. & Donald Wilson	Charles (Buck) Woodson Jr. & Donald Wilson	Buck Woodson
1988	6	\$260,000	\$125,000	Kiss My Tan	Cortan	Charles H. Russell	R.T. Stable	Larry Metz
1989	6	\$260,000	\$125,000	Taylor Mountain	Dancing Czar	James W. Casey	Eleanor Casey	James W. Casey
1990	6	\$260,000	\$125,000	Taylor Mountain	Dancing Czar	James W. Casey	Eleanor Casey	James W. Casey
1991	6	\$260,000	\$125,000	Nice Ainit	Olympic Victory	John A. Casey	John A. Casey	James M. Casey
1992	6	\$335,000	\$200,000	Coin Collector	Weshaam	John A. Casey & Dudley Skinker	John A. Casey	James M. Casey
1993	6	\$285,000	\$150,000	Coin Collector	Weshaam	John A. Casey & Dudley Skinker	John A. Casey	James M. Casey
1994	6	\$230,000	\$100,000	E.B.F. Express	Cathexis	Dominick Fargo	Margie Fargo	Jeff Runco
1995	6	\$280,000	\$135,000	Cavada	Verification	BeBe R. Dalton	BeBe R. Dalton	Kathleen Kelley
1996	6	\$300,000	\$150,000	Ardent Arab	Weshaam	James W. Casey	Wallace B. Lewis	Donald Campbell
1997	6	\$320,000	\$150,000	Take Aim	Weshaam	James W. Casey	James M. Casey	James M. Casey
1998	6	\$336,000	\$135,000	Step Out Dancing	Dancing Czar	James W. Casey	Eleanor Casey	James W. Casey
1999	7	\$460,000	\$150,000	Rebellious Dreamer	My Boy Adam	James W. Casey	John A. Casey	John A. Casey
2000	8	\$750,000	\$225,000	Coolmars	Glide	Howard McCormick & Terry Lewis	H. Neil Glasser	Jeff Runco
2001	8	\$850,000	\$250,000	Confucius Say	Eastover Court	O'Sullivan Farms	O'Sullivan Farms	George Yetsook
2002	8	\$765,000	\$225,000	Confucius Say	Eastover Court	O'Sullivan Farms	O'Sullivan Farms	George Yetsook
2003	8	\$850,000	\$250,000	Cape Power	Feel the Power	Tex Mullins	Tex Mullins	Tim Grams
2004	8	\$1 million	\$300,000	A Huevo	Cool Joe	D. Lopez	Mark Hopkins	Michael Dickinson
2005	8	\$1.2 million	\$500,000	Speed Whiz	Weshaam	James W. Casey	William Campbell	William Campbell
2006	8	\$1.45 million	\$500,000	Speed Whiz	Weshaam	James W. Casey	William Campbell	William Campbell
2007	8	\$1.45 million	\$500,000	Confucius Say	Eastover Court	O'Sullivan Farms	O'Sullivan Farms	George Yetsook
2008	9	\$1.85 million	\$500,000	Ghostly Thunder	Ghostly Minister	Buck Woodson	Paul Fowler Jr. & Gary Capuano	Gary Capuano
2009	9	\$1.985 million	\$500,000	Russell Road	Wheaton	Robert Lloyd	Mark Russell	James W. Casey
2010	9	\$1.275 million	\$500,000	Sea Rescue	Brahms	Coleswood Stables	Coleswood	Jeff Runco
2011	9	\$1.345 million	\$500,000	Russell Road	Wheaton	Robert Lloyd	Mark Russell	James W. Casey
2012	9	\$1.345 million	\$500,000	Lucy's Bob Boy	Flatter	Robert Furr Sr.	Michael Furr	Sandra Dono
2013	9	\$1.155 million	\$500,000	Fred High	Crypto Star	Edward Krishack	Edward Krishack	Jerry Robb
2014	9	\$1.285 million	\$500,000	Russell Road	Wheaton	Robert Lloyd	Mark Russell	James W. Casey
2015	9	\$1.08 million	\$500,000	Charitable Annuity	Charitable Man	Donald Duvall	Mark Russell	James W. Casey

of 2014, and Denis of Cork. Charitable Man also fathered 2015 Classic winner Charitable Annuity (from the Luftikus mare Early Annuity), whom Casey trains for Mark Russell.

For all his farm's homebred successes, Casey said, Charitable Man had the means to become his most prominent stallion, until he died without warning of apparent cardiac-related causes May 30, a half-hour after eating. He was 10.

"Just a beautiful horse," Casey said. "Nice. Do anything. Smart." Offspring "just like he was."

Breeding to race, he sends most of his two dozen mares to house stallions, mindful of the safety net the Breeders Classics provide.

"I think it makes a big difference, because you can have a mediocre year and jump up and win one of those races, especially one of the big ones, and it really helps you out," Casey said.

Since Woodson scored with his sale of Giovanni Boldini, eventually a close second in the 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1, he has sent most of his 10 mares to commercial stallions, brought them back to West Virginia to foal and sold their offspring. His farm bears two weanlings by Twirling Candy, others by The Factor, Munnings, Stephen Got Even, Oxbow. One lost a foal to Stay Thirsty. And he sold Dancing Trieste, Giovanni Boldini's dam, in foal to The Factor for \$450,000.

"Giovanni put me in a position of breeding better horses," Woodson said. "I was tryin' to before, but I don't think the Lord wanted me to do too much; he wanted to keep me mediocre. I guess he figured that I wouldn't know what to do with it at the time. When I got in my 80s, he seemed to think, well, maybe he's got enough sense to do better now."

Still, Woodson remains watchful of the gathering storm clouds, and wary. "Racing's not doin' too good at Charles Town," he said, "and that affects the breeding and so forth, 'cause I sell commercially."

Miller, the Maryland infrastructure financier and influential newcomer to West Virginia breeding, owns the More Than Ready broodmare Rebalite, dam of Tapit-sired multiple graded stakes winner Race Day. Miller bred Rebalite to Orb in Kentucky, brought her home and will decide whether to end his string of foaling West Virginia-breds. "That has a lot more to do with what West Virginia does or doesn't do," he said.

Funkhouser, of O'Sullivan Farms, has made a decision regarding a Blame-sired filly out of homebred diva Julie B, the

family's two-time Breeders Classic winner who made \$890,000. The yearling, Blame Julie, was scheduled for auction at the Keeneland Yearling Sale in September.

"She's absolutely one of the nicest, if not the nicest, we've ever had here," Funkhouser said. "Big, nice-boned, perfectly balanced, very intelligent. I hate to sell her, but you've got to pay the bills somehow."

"With the cost of everything going up so much, and the purses and breeders' awards going down, it's caught a lot of people and hit 'em very, very hard. Everyone. Us included."

This year, for the 30th time, the Breeders Classics will pour a tonic for thirsty horsemen; another spritz might come one month later in the state gubernatorial election. Jim Justice (D), The Greenbrier resort owner who has pledged fraternity with the horse-racing industry, led by 14 percentage points over Republican challenger Bill Cole in a September poll. A Justice victory might well reward the state racing and breeding industry, the lodestone of Huff's and Holden's Breeders Classics creation.

"Sam's overarching desire was to see West Virginia do well," Holden said. "He tried to do the best for the state. I want to keep it going, not just for him but for the horsemen. It's important."

WEST VIRGINIA BREEDERS CLASSICS LEADING TRAINERS

1987 through 2015

<i>Trainer</i>	<i>Wins</i>
James W. (Jim) Casey	27
Jeff Runco	15
John McKee	14
James M. (Jimmy) Casey	10
George Yetsook	8
David Walters	7
John Allen Casey	6
Victor Espinosa	5
Ronney Brown	4
Gary Capuano	4
Ollie Figgins III	4
Robert C. Lee	4
Amy Albright	3
Tim Grams	3
Scott Lake	3
Raimondo Schiano di Cola	3
Skoobie Schneider	3
Frank Smith Jr.	3
Edwin Tobin	3
Granville Viands	3

Sure, race industry principals say, Charles Town's revival has become theirs. But long before the renaissance, the Classics had brought unforeseen glimpses of fortune and promise. Once-woebegone horsemen crossed the bridge to a land of plenty, and no one's looking to turn back. ★

WEST VIRGINIA BREEDERS CLASSICS LEADING JOCKEYS

1987 through 2015

<i>Jockey</i>	<i>Wins</i>
Travis Dunkelberger	28
Larry Reynolds	13
J.D. Acosta	11
Richard Cornwell	9
Gerald Almodovar	7
Lillian (Mitch) Kuykendall	7
Matt McGowan	7
Arnaldo Bocachica	6
Larry Dupuy	6
Jose Montano	6
Todd Dupuis	5
Anthony Mawing	5
Kendrick Carmouche	4
Oscar Flores	4
Gustavo Larrosa	4
William Lewis Jr.	4
John Luzzi Jr.	4
Christopher Martin	4
Mark Munden	4

WEST VIRGINIA BREEDERS CLASSICS LEADING OWNERS

1987 through 2015

<i>Owner</i>	<i>Wins</i>
Eleanor Casey	13
Taylor Mountain Farm	12
O'Sullivan Farms	10
John Allen Casey	8
John McKee	8
Coleswood Farm	5
P.C.B. Enterprises	4
David Raim	4
Mark Russell	4
Nancy Terhune	4
William Ward Jr.	4
Willowdale Farms	4
Diamond Oak Stable	3
Naomi Long	3
Longfield Farms	3
Henry Schneider Jr.	3

The Cowboy Way

Pennsylvania's Crane carves out niche with breaking/training business

By Joe Clancy. Photographs by Anne Litz.

Three fillies, two chestnut and one bay, stand in a corral in the center of a field which itself is in the center of a half-mile training track. They'd rather be out grazing or playing like they were all night, but they're calm and happy. And waiting for something on a hot, sticky September morning.

Across the field walks a cowboy. He wears carpenter's jeans, a black and gray tech T-shirt and boots. He left his hat in the house, but the belt buckle is real. So are the spurs, though the ends are covered in duct tape. He's been up for hours tending horses in one form or another, and he carries a red nylon bridle with white reins.

"All right girls, let's do this."

The fillies—yearlings purchased less than a month earlier at Fasig-Tipton's New York-bred sale in Saratoga and the Ocala Breeders Sales Company's Florida auction—fidget to life and the cowboy opens the gate. In no hurry and without really making a choice, he picks a filly and gives her a pat on the neck. As her friends watch, she takes the bit and the bridle and gets guided in two tight circles—one right, one left—before the cowboy slides onto her back. A minute later, she's walking, trotting, cantering as the other two retreat to a smaller gated pen off the corral. Bareback, the

cowboy closes the gate without dismounting and continues the work. Left-handed trot, right-handed trot, halt, back up, walk on, step this way and that. His reins are long, his legs hang low. Despite the lack of a saddle and stirrups, he sits tight. For direction, he offers a light tap with his heel or a slight tug on the reins. The filly flits her ears, listens, processes, learns.

Satisfied for today, the filly's fourth day being ridden, the cowboy slows her to a walk, makes her stand and slides off. With a pat between the eyes, he removes the bridle, chooses the next filly and repeats. He'll do the same with the third—then open the

corral and release them into the field. Ten minutes after that, he'll begin the same process with four colts in a field on the other side of the driveway, then move on to the two barns full of other yearlings taking their early steps toward racing careers.

The cowboy—Pennsylvania horseman Clovis Crane—is in his element.

"I love that stuff," he says later, about halfway through his morning of riding 15 yearlings. "I could do that all day. Well, I do that all day. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, I wouldn't let anybody else ride them. I rode 26 or 27, from 7 in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I love that. I got them going well enough that I could move some on to the couple of other guys who help with the riding."

Far more than a cowboy, Crane and his wife Joanna own Crane Thoroughbreds, a 65-acre breaking/training operation seven miles north of Lebanon and 16 miles east of Penn National Race Course.

Clovis, who won 242 races in a three-year jockey career and was the national champion all-around cowboy at the National Circuit Finals Rodeo in 2009, does the hands-on stuff. His "boss" Joanna manages the business. Together, they raise a young family including 11-month-old daughter Rosey, 3-year-old son Coy, 5-year-old daughter Dalia, 14-year-old daughter



Amara Underwood and a small squadron of farm dogs. The Cranes buy, sell, prep and train Thoroughbreds for themselves and clients, participate in most of the country's top public auctions as buyers and consignors and have found a niche in the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover with 2015 working ranch class winner Yo Koffy and 2016 contender Empire Road.

Three graded stakes horses have been sold by or prepped at the farm—Bluegrass Singer, Colonel Sharp and Alright Alright, the latter a \$25,000 to \$205,000 pinhook at California's Barretts Sale in 2014. At Barretts in March this year, Crane Thoroughbreds sold a 2-year-old Majestic Warrior colt for \$240,000 six months after an \$82,000 purchase by client Harry Weisleder at Keeneland September. Named Downtowner, the Kentucky-bred is in training with Bob Baffert. Crane sold three others at the California sale, including a \$60,000 Munnings filly to Perry Martin of California Chrome fame. At Fasig-Tipton Florida in March, Crane Thoroughbreds sold 2-year-olds for \$150,000 and \$290,000. Crane sold 18 juveniles at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May sale to such buyers as Dennis O'Neill and EQB.

The sales success comes after a decision made last summer to concentrate more on breaking/training yearlings for clients and pinhooking young horses. Through Sept. 12, Crane had just 31 starts as a trainer—down from 100 in 2013 and 186 in 2007. Plenty of foals have been born at the farm, too, but that's no longer on the job list either.

As part of the new focus, the Cranes added a half-mile stone-dust galloping track to go with a quarter-mile jogging oval and are working toward adding an indoor arena while continuing to improve on the model. And, of course, there are horses of every shape and size on the farm—yearlings, 2-year-olds, racetrack layups, Gunner the pony, several riding horses and three aiming for the Thoroughbred Makeover in Kentucky Oct. 27-30.

Start at the Beginning

Clovis Crane grew up at Penn National. Well, he could see it from his house anyway. His parents Joe and Cathy Crane worked for trainer Wayne Rice and could watch young Clovis get on the school bus without leaving the barn. Clovis learned to ride and was working horses at the Timonium sales at 14. At 16, he dropped out of Lower Dauphin High to become a jockey. He won 95 races in 1996, and was on his way. In 1997, he won 122 races while riding

at Penn, Delaware Park, The Meadowlands, Belmont Park and Aqueduct.

As good as he was, Crane knew his jockey career wouldn't be long.

"I was lucky enough that I got to ride for two or three years," he said. "I was 16. That was before puberty. That's the only reason I stayed small. That's the truth. I was lucky enough to grow late."

But he grew right out of a career. Making good on a promise he made to his parents, Crane went back to high school in 1998 and also went back to wrestling. He won a Pennsylvania sectional championship at 103 pounds as a senior and drew the attention of several college programs. Through family friend and veterinarian Dr. Eric Bruns, Crane wound up at Indiana's Purdue University, wrestled at 157 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 2001 and 2003.

"My parents had moved to Indiana to raise bucking horses and bulls, and since they were there I could get in-state tuition," Crane said. "Dr. Bruns wrestled at Purdue and told them about me. It was only 30 minutes from my parents, so I moved back to Indiana and went to Purdue. Mainly I wanted to wrestle, but I got to go to a good school."

Crane started as a walk-on, redshirted one season, and missed another with a back injury, but finished on full scholarship. He also found time to ride in local rodeos, at least for a while. Crane's father competed when the family lived in Pennsylvania, and hosted a weekly event at the farm in Indiana. Clovis, of course, played a role—first as a bullfighter, later as a bull rider. Then the wrestling coach found out.

Thanks to a bull horn to the face in a practice ride, Crane went back to school with stitches. Working out like normal in advance of wrestling season, Crane looked like he'd been in a fight.

"What the hell happened to you?" a coach asked.

"I just had a little accident bull riding," Crane replied.

"Whoa, whoa, wait a second," the coach said. "You're here to go to school and wrestle, we're not doing this so you can go play at the rodeo and get hurt."

Crane stayed away from the rodeo, wrestled and graduated with a teaching degree.

The cowboy comes home

Too big to be a jockey and not really wanting to be a teacher Crane returned to Pennsylvania to work with his uncle, horseman Dean Crane, and map out a career path. Clovis had spent a summer in

Saratoga with trainer Todd Pletcher and thought that might be a way forward in the racing industry, then thought like an investor. Pennsylvania was in the early stages of slots legislation and Crane had saved some money from his race-riding days. He figured he could buy a small farm, fix it up while he worked for his uncle and then sell it once the slots revenue kicked in and made the state attractive to breeders.

Crane bought a farm, with help from family friends and Thoroughbred owners Richard and Nancy Sinkler, in 2004 and waited for the slots.

"No banker in their right mind was going to loan a kid straight out of college \$800,000 so Mr. Sinkler sold it to me on land contract and took a chance I was going to make it," Crane said. "I was making \$600 a week galloping horses and had a \$5,000 a month mortgage so I did whatever I could to take in income and make it work."

Crane's uncle sent some horses, a few others came along, some clients sent some mares and pretty soon Crane Thoroughbreds became a business. Slots arrived, eventually, but Crane never sold. He built stalls on both levels of an old cow barn, added two free walkers, built turnout paddocks, added an outdoor ring, built two tracks and more, but it's still the same place.

"Mr. and Mrs. Sinkler took a shot and gave me the opportunity," Crane said. "Whether they really and truly believed I was going to make it or not, that's yet to be discovered but one way or another that's how it all started."

Crane worked on the farm all day, riding horses, dealing with mares, fixing up barns and tending fences. But without wrestling, without riding races, he missed competition so he found time to go to Cowtown Rodeo in New Jersey—first as a bull rider, but he added other events. In 2008 on the First Frontier Circuit, one of a dozen geographic areas of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, he became the first rider to win four year-end titles—all-around, bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding—while wearing an air cast on a broken leg at the finals. The next year, he was the champion all-around cowboy at the National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

As most of his competitions were relatively local, rodeo didn't take Crane away from his Thoroughbred business but it did compete for his time and attention. Clients fretted about him getting hurt, which he did periodically (broken leg, jaw, ankle, foot, torn abdominal and groin muscles and so on). After about 10 years, he quit, sold his gear, concentrated on his business.



The Crane family (from left) Clovis, Rosey, Dalia, Amara Underwood, Coy and Joanna have built a life around horses on their farm near Lebanon, Pa.



“People saw it as too risky for someone to be doing, but I didn’t think so,” he said. “I did it for a long, long time but got sick of listening to people tell me it was too dangerous and this and that. I wasn’t a rodeo cowboy on the road all the time. I went to Cowntown, Fair Hill, places like that. I’d be gone for the afternoon, which is like somebody else going golfing.”

And cowboys don’t golf.

Crane didn’t attend a rodeo for two years until getting tugged back in this summer. At first, it was to help his nephew get started. Then it was a, ‘Well, while I’m here’ kind of thing. On Sept. 10, he won the saddle bronc competition at Cowntown and he’s qualified for the American Finals Rodeo at Atlantic City in November and could make the PRCA finals in Las Vegas in December.

“I’m really doing well, it’s just not what I had planned,” Crane said. “Honestly, I love it. It’s not bull riding, it’s not bareback riding and once you learn how to ride saddle broncs, the margin of me getting hurt is just about the margin of me getting hurt on the farm. I know how to ride real well and you only get hurt if they fall down or run into something or roll over on you.”

Making Racehorses

The farm won’t soon be compared to a manicured Lexington showplace, but Crane Thoroughbreds runs like any other training operation with a touch of western ranch utility. The horses come first. Some live out, some live in. They all either get turned out or spend an hour on the free walker before training.

“Our belief is you’ve got to let them get out and be happy and if I have a choice, I’m leaving them turned out,” Crane said. “But if you’re going to sell them, you have to pay attention. They might have a lump or a bump that’s completely inconsequential, and that made them a better horse because of it, but when you get to the sale, when it comes down to dollars and cents, nothing like that is inconsequential.”

In September, the string included yearlings by Mission Impazible, Pioneer of the Nile, Majestic Warrior, Midnight Lute, The Lumber Guy, Oxbow, Archarcharch, Sidney’s Candy and so on.

Some are pinhooking projects owned by Crane and/or Weisleder. Others belong to outside clients and are prepping for racing careers. The methods vary a little. The outside groups get ridden bareback in the fields where they live. The horses in the barn are fully tacked and work in a ring in front of the barn. Everything involves teaching.



Clovis Crane heads out of the barn on another horse at Crane Thoroughbreds.

Crane uses one horse to help another trot past the horse trailer parked in the driveway. A rammy colt gets a heavier hand. A nervous filly gets a reassuring pat on the neck. Each riding session finishes with some bending and stretching as the young horses learn to use their bodies.

In time, the sets will move on to trail riding around the farm, then work on the tracks, schooling in the starting gate, even a trip or two to Penn National to breeze for real. It’s all part of the process.

“We get our horses broke,” Crane said when asked what the team does well. “They’ve seen a lot of things, they’ve done a lot of things. They’re not just slam-bam, you have them riding. When they leave here they’re broke. It’s not like they’ve only been tacked up and zoomed down the stretch. Horses that have been started here, they’ve gone on trail rides, they’ve breezed here, they’ve breezed at Penn National.

They go to the sales or the racetrack from here and they’re like, ‘So what.’”

Assistant Luis Delgado oversees the training barns and keeps other staffers on point—tacking horses, bathing horses, turning over the paddocks and walkers from one group to the next. Crane, whose home is mere steps from the barn, feeds at 5:30 in the morning and puts his eyes on each horse. The crew arrives at 7 and leaves at 3. Delgado runs the daily operation, chronicled with a “Daily Protocol” list on a whiteboard in the barn. Another staffer shows up at 7 for evening turnout and another check. Joanna Crane handles the business details, around all the responsibilities of motherhood.

And Clovis sometimes rides from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but that’s his skillset.

“A lot of times, you’ll come here and there will be a hundred head of horses here and I won’t know who’s who,” he said.



This year's Thoroughbred Makeover entrant Empire Road, a 5-year-old Corinthian gelding who raced in April, shows off some of his skills—and his flashy looks—while prepping for the competition in Kentucky. Bred in Kentucky by Dixiana Farms, he sold for \$20,000 as a yearling and \$50,000 as a 2-year-old. On the track, he won once in 20 starts and earned \$24,720.

“Well, I know who the horse is but I won’t know who he or she belongs to or which guy owns how much of which one. I’m just looking at the horses. I have to look at my book to find out that other stuff. I’m doing what I’m supposed to do for each horse. It doesn’t matter who owns him.”

The horse population rises and falls with the seasons, and ideally Crane would like to see the business wane a bit in the summer so he can play with his kids, go to rodeos and maybe “go on vacation like a normal person once in awhile.” That didn’t happen much in 2016 as the inventory stayed around 70 all summer. There’s room to grow, and there’s always room to improve the quality. When buying horses to pinhook, Crane and Weisleder typically spend \$20,000 to \$50,000, though they’ll reach beyond that for the right individual.

Clients appreciate the hands-on aspects of the business, and the care their horses receive.

“I made a lot of mistakes starting out and I drove a lot of customers away,” Crane said. “I was green. I didn’t know. I got splints and shins and things and didn’t do a top-shelf job for my clients. Over the years, we’ve corrected that stuff but it took the mistakes to learn them. In the end, it’s probably better that I went through all that. I’ve made all those mistakes, not just been told about them.”

He also knows the operation takes far more than he alone can deliver.

“It’s not all about me,” he said. “Joanna is the workhorse of the deal. She has to do the stuff nobody likes, the books, the business, the stuff I can’t do. She does the books and takes care of the kids all day. She’s smarter than me, and she’s got more patience. And we couldn’t do it without Luis. He makes everything go in the barn.”

One More Thing

Like most Thoroughbred operations, Crane routinely repurposes racehorses. If they don’t pan out or somehow end up at the farm after their racing careers, they get put to work as lead ponies, rides for the kids, trail horses, saddle horses (that’s the cowboy term) and whatever else might be necessary.

Two years ago, Crane’s wife and daughter talked about entering the Thoroughbred Makeover and asked around for a prospect. Clovis thought of Yo Koffy, a horse he pinhooked racing near the bottom at

From top: Empire Road helps Clovis Crane close a gate; Yo Koffy jumps a show fence for Amara Underwood; the upper barn’s front porch welcomes guests and passing horses.





The training facility at Crane Thoroughbreds includes a half-mile track with some incline for galloping and short breezes. Assistant trainer Luis Delgado is a key member of the team.

Charles Town. He was smart, quiet and athletic at least. After trying to buy him, the Cranes wound up making a \$4,500 claim. Taught to be everything but a race-horse, Yo Koffy made the finals of the 2015 Makeover's "America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred" competition after winning the working ranch category (with Clovis aboard) and also competing in show jumping (with Amara). Now 7, he lives in an oversized stall in the upper barn and babysits yearlings.

"The horses that are worth fiddling with, we've always tried to give them a second occupation," said Crane. "I kind of got roped into the whole Makeover deal, but Koffy is great. He was a beautiful mover when we had him, pretty smart and sen-

sible. I watched him run a bunch through his career and he never went with a pony. He ran short and he'd go to the front so he had a lot speed but he had to be real sensible to go without the pony. That's a big sign. We won a shake for him so he was destined to come back here I guess."

Crane may have found an even better prospect for this year's Makeover, once again slated for the Kentucky Horse Park in late October.

Taking a rare break while blasting the air conditioner in the barn office after riding yearlings all morning, Crane leapt back into action in mid-sentence when the topic turned to Empire Road.

"You want to see him?" he asked. "Here, let me get a bridle."

Crane took a western bridle, where the headpiece only slips over one ear, and headed to the lower barn. He emerged with a bright chestnut ideally suited for showing off—wide blaze, four white legs—and asked him to lie down in the grass. Empire Road, a 5-year-old son of Corinthian who raced in April, flopped to his knees and grazed. Crane climbed on and—when asked—the horse stood up.

Crane originally intended to defend Yo Koffy's working ranch title, but may have to adjust the plan since Empire Road pretty much "hates" cows—not that he's out of options. In a back field, Crane built a small cross-country course of log jumps. Empire Road and Crane flew every one, bareback and on a loose rein.

"This horse really likes to jump, he locks on to the jumps and goes right to it," Crane said after pulling up. "That's bareback and not even gathering him up and he's been inside all day. And I'm obviously not the most accomplished jump rider that ever lived."

Perhaps not, but there's no mistaking Crane's horsemanship. Empire Road can be ridden in Western or English tack. He can jump. He can lie down and stand up on command. He can slide stop and if he can figure out how to get along with the cows he can be a roping horse. And he looks like he should be in a movie.

"He's the best, so smart," said Crane. "I'm having so much stinking fun with him. It comes down to the same thing [as breaking yearlings], I like horses. I enjoy it. It's one more thing to do with a horse."

And he's pretty much always looking for that. ★

Fast Start

WinStar Farm first-timer Spirituality scores in debut for former jockey Ritter

BY LINDA DOUGHTERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARY LYONS/HOOFPRIINTSINC.COM

WinStar Farm's Spirituality began her career with a bang when she walloped her rivals by 8 lengths in a Delaware Park maiden special weight Aug. 4 under Carol Cedeno.

The daughter of first-crop sire Gemo-logist, purchased for \$150,000 at the OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training after breezing an eighth-mile in :10, was sent off as the co-favorite in the 6-furlong race based on her strong and steady work-out pattern.

Trainer Shannon Ritter, who exercises all her horses, blew Spirituality out five days before her debut, and she responded by taking the lead on the turn, and gradually extended that advantage to 6 lengths in midstretch. At the wire, she was under wraps and well in front, winning in 1:11.87.

"She had showed some talent in the morning," Ritter said, "and I was very impressed with the way she ran."

Spirituality, whom Ritter described as a "pretty big filly," was bred in Kentucky by Lee McMillin, Randy Faulkner and Joe Travelsted, and is out of the Forest Wildcat mare Honky Tonk Rose.

Ritter, a native of St. Paul, Minn., is a former jockey who rode in the Pacific Northwest at tracks such as Portland Meadows, where she was leading rider in 1990-'91. She gave up riding in 1997 and went to work for trainer Elliott Walden, galloping such stars as Distorted Humor, Ecton Park, Menifee, Pleasant Temper and Victory Gallop. She later became an assistant for Walden and took horses to Arlington Park and Fair Grounds, and

later was the primary overseer of Victory Gallop and traveled with him.

When Walden became racing manager for WinStar Farm in 2005, the horses in his care were dispersed to other trainers, including Ritter. In 2010, she conditioned Endorsement to win the \$800,000 Sunland Derby-G3 for WinStar.

Ritter trains four horses for WinStar, and six overall this year at Delaware Park. She credits part of her success to being able to get on her horses in the morning. In 2016, Ritter has saddled 18 starters and won four times, placing five more, and earning \$140,855.

"I had stabled at Delaware Park before, in 2011," said Ritter. "This past winter, I remained on the grounds, and it was great because it gave me a lot of options—you can easily ship to Pennsylvania and Maryland. Horses really like the Delaware Park backstretch, because there's plenty of grass and it's very peaceful."

■ Clairvoyant Lady has more than paid back her purchase price of \$35,000 and added valuable blacktype to her pedigree for owner-trainer Cal Lynch in just three starts.

Lynch, who scooped up the 2-year-old daughter of Astrology for \$35,000 at this year's OBS April sale, saddled the filly to an upset victory in the \$50,000 White Clay Creek Stakes Aug. 3.

Dismissed at 30-1 in the field of six, Clairvoyant Lady, under Trevor McCarthy, lagged near the back through the :21.86 first quarter of the 5½-furlong stakes. She was put to a drive on the turn, came outside horses at the head of the lane and cut into pacesetter and 3-10 favorite You Know Too's lead. Inside the eighth pole, Clairvoyant Lady drove by to win by 1¼ lengths. Easy Money finished another 1½ lengths back in third.

Prior to the White Clay Creek, Clairvoyant Lady had won a maiden claimer while in for a \$40,000 tag at Laurel Park July 15. The \$30,000 she earned for her stakes win boosted her earnings to \$50,310.

"She's a lovely filly," said Lynch, who moved his base from Pennsylvania to Maryland this year and ships up and down the Mid-Atlantic region. "She's big, pretty and strapping, and stands over a lot of ground, with a great attitude. At the OBS sale, she went an eighth of a mile in :10.40, which wasn't super-fast, but she doesn't want to go an eighth-of-a-mile. She really wants to go long."

Three days later, Lynch sent out M M G Stables' Monsoon K S A to score in a



Spirituality gears down while winning a maiden special in her debut for WinStar Farm.



Clairvoyant Lady rolls to the finish of the White Clay Creek Stakes for owner/trainer Cal Lynch and jockey Trevor McCarthy.



Maryland-bred **Greatbullsoffire** saunters in with a juvenile stakes score for owner Kathleen Willier and trainer Ham Smith.

7½-furlong maiden special weight on the turf. The 2-year-old son of Candy Ride (Arg) debuted July 17 at Laurel. He ran into Greatbullsoffire that day and that rival returned to win the Strike Your Colors Stakes at Delaware Aug. 4.

Stretched out a bit, Monsoon K S A was sent off the second betting choice behind favored firster Mr Grey (Fr) from the Christophe Clement barn. The debut proved to be a good learning experience, as the dark bay colt was never far off the early pace, commenced a rally three wide on the turn and then poked a head in front of Smokinwatchstopper in upper stretch before winning by 2½ lengths in front of the rallying Mr Grey.

“Although he didn’t get a really big speed number, he won easily with his ears pricked, and he’s just a little green,” said Lynch. “It was more a visually impressive performance than a numbers-based performance. Being by Candy Ride, we’ll be stretching him out, too. He’s a forward-training horse and I like him very much.”

Monsoon K S A was purchased by his owners, who are based in Saudi Arabia, for \$50,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale. He was bred in Washington by Bar C Racing Stables.

■ Kathleen Willier’s Greatbullsoffire ran his record to 2-for-2 winning the \$50,000 Strike Your Colors Stakes Aug. 4.

Dispatched as the favorite in the 5½-furlong test for 2-year-olds, Greatbullsoffire was patiently rated by Victor Carrasco behind pacesetter Howbouthemcowboys through the opening 3 furlongs. He took the lead coming off the turn, steadily drew away and won by 2½ lengths from Brahms Secret.

Bred in Maryland by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, Greatbullsoffire was purchased by Willier for \$50,000 at the Fasig-



Pennsylvania-bred **Mister Nifty** (right) battles **Doctor Mounty** late to take the Grover ‘Buddy’ Delp Memorial Stakes for trainer Keith Nations.

Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale from the consignment of Northview Stallion Station. Greatbullsoffire, a son of Northview PA stallion Bullsbay, is a half-brother to Willier’s Table Jumper (by Jump Start),

who placed in the 2015 Smart Halo Stakes and Maryland Million Lassie Stakes. Hamilton Smith trains Greatbullsoffire and Table Jumper. ★

August stakes results for Delaware Park

8/3 White Clay Creek (\$50K). 5½ fur. 2YO F.

Winner: **CLAIRVOYANT LADY** (b.f., Astrology—Chantilly Lady, by Shore Breeze). B-Shane Doyle and Kim Doyle (Ky.). O-Lynch Racing. T-Cathal A. Lynch. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:05.93. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **You Know Too**. 3rd: **Easy Money**.

8/4 Strike Your Colors (\$50K). 5½ F. 2YO.

Winner: **GREATBULLSOFFIRE** (b.c., Bullsbay—Great Hostess, by Great Notion). B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds (Md.). O-Kathleen Willier. T-Hamilton A. Smith. J-Victor R. Carrasco. Time: 1:04.55. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Brahms Secret**. 3rd: **Prince of Kentucky**.

8/24 Grover ‘Buddy’ Delp Memorial (\$50K). 11⅛ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **MISTER NOTFY** (dk.b./br.c., Scat Daddy—Walking Path, by Bernardini). B/O-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing (Pa.). T-Keith Nations. J-Brian Pedroza. Time: 1:43.02. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Doctor Mounty**. 3rd: **Pizmo Time**.

Success off the claim

Trainer Gaudet gets first stakes score in Mister Diz upset with John Jones

BY DAN TORDJMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MCCUE

The day wasn't going the way Lacey Gaudet hoped. She entered five horses at Laurel Park Aug. 20, but by the time she walked over with her last runner—a recent claim named John Jones—for the \$75,000 Mister Diz Stakes, Gaudet's horses had gone 0-for-4. None even hit the board.

"It was a rough day," Gaudet said, "and we were joking, like 'All right, John Jones, you've got to save the day.'"

At the time the comment was made, it seemed funny because John Jones was about to go off at 43-1. The 4-year-old gelding entered the race off of a fourth-place finish, out of which he was claimed for \$25,000 in July by Gaudet for owner Matt Schera.

John Jones was the second-longest shot of nine in the 6-furlong turf test which had

been won six times previously by returning race-favorite Ben's Cat.

Gaudet hadn't been sure if she was even going to run her horse in the race. She had John Jones entered as a main track-only in an allowance race at Laurel on the following day, when the forecast indicated the horse was likely to draw in.

"I went back and forth for a couple of hours and, honestly, I didn't make the decision until about 11 o'clock in the morning," Gaudet said. "He was walking around the shed row, lunged around the corner and he kicked out. I said, 'this horse is so good, we've got to run him'... we didn't name a rider until 12 o'clock."

Exactly six hours later, John Jones broke from the gate, opened an early 2-length lead under Luis Garcia and never

looked back. John Jones won in 1:10.58, holding off Michael Harrison's Just Jack by 2 lengths with Ben's Cat third.

The victory was John Jones' first stakes score and only his second win of any kind covering a span of eight races dating back to January. The victory was also Gaudet's first stakes win.

"I squealed. I wouldn't say it was a scream, I squealed," she said. "We were just ecstatic; after the day that we had, being 40-to-1 and realizing that we'd just beat Ben's Cat."

Gaudet admitted also feeling a slight tinge of guilt for beating Ben's Cat. She and her family have always been passionate supporters of the 10-year-old gelding, who boasts earnings of \$2,640,282 to go along with 32 career victories.

But on this day, the spotlight would be reserved for Gaudet and her horse. Bred in Maryland by Nancy Lee Farms, John Jones is by Smarty Jones out of the multiple stakes-winning Polish Numbers mare Chrusciki. Prior to being claimed by Gaudet and Schera, John Jones had only run on the turf in two of his 14 career starts.

"Looking at his past performances," Schera said, "he didn't look like he was a 6-furlong sprinter on the turf. Although his breeding kind of suggests that possibility with Polish Numbers on the dam side, and Smarty Joneses can get turf."

Schera had his doubts about running John Jones in a spot as tough as the Mister Diz, but deferred to Gaudet. The owner and trainer had only initially met a few months prior on Preakness Day. Schera, in search of a trainer to claim horses for him in Maryland, quickly developed a respect for Gaudet's judgment.

The first horse Gaudet suggested to Schera as a potential claim was a 4-year-old Great Notion gelding named Cue. After claiming the gelding for \$16,000 in late May, Gaudet brought Cue back and won with him immediately.

"So, she's 2-for-2 with me, right off the claim," Schera said. "It's unbelievable."

For Gaudet, 28, winning her first stakes race was more good news, in a year that has seen her quadruple her win total from 2015. Through the first week of September, Gaudet had 16 wins from 108 starts and \$365,325 in 2016.

"It's enjoyable for me to see her make the most of this chance so far," Schera said. "She's doing a great job obviously because you don't usually claim a horse for \$25,000 and win a stake next out."



John Jones streaks to the finish with an upset win in the Mister Diz Stakes, the first time someone other than Ben's Cat won the race since 2010.

Gaudet credited owners like Schera for her emergence in recent months.

"We've gotten really lucky meeting the right people, them giving us opportunities, and then us succeeding with those opportunities," Gaudet said. "You still have to win races. We've made a couple of nice claims and a few packages on horses that we've been fortunate with. We keep doing what we think is right. When you work hard and you try to do everything right, you can take chances and they end up working out for you."

By her side every step of the way has been her mother Linda Gaudet. Earlier this year, Linda transferred title ownership of the family barn to Lacey. The Gaudet operation had been managed by Linda since late 2011, when her husband—and Maryland racing icon with 1,735 wins as a trainer—Eddie Gaudet was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

"His presence around the barn has been very limited," Lacey said. "He is healthy and he gets around fine. It's just long days for him, and it is sometimes hard for me and my mom. It has been a little bit of a rough time trying to figure out whether two women can make it in this game without the person that gave us the name that we have. It makes me feel good, and I hope it makes my mom feel proud. She showed [my father] the replay of the stake and she said he started to cry when he watched it and watched the interview."

The interview would have normally been conducted by Gaudet's sister Gabby, paddock host and TV analyst for the Maryland Jockey Club. But Gabby spent much of the summer working as an analyst covering racing at Saratoga. The sisters spoke over the phone after John Jones' victory.

"[Gabby] said how proud she is of me," Lacey said. "That means a lot. She is my best friend. It means a lot having her support and she's making us more proud than she'll ever know."

Along with Schera, Gaudet began exploring options for her newly minted stakes winner. With his win in the Mister Diz, John Jones bumped his career win total up to four and his earnings mark to \$151,494. More importantly, he turned a bad day into one of the best days of a young trainer's life.

BUMPS IN HANDLE

The Maryland Jockey Club reported positive news about wagering on Laurel's 24-day summer meet. Total handle

increased 20.2 percent to \$63.2 million in 2016 compared to 2015. The MJC also reported coinciding increases in average handle and in-state handle.

The summer meet at Laurel saw the addition of a new infield video board, along with upgrades in the first floor clubhouse and nearly \$500,000 in renovations to the Ruffian Room on the second floor.

Additional improvements are expected to be completed during the Laurel fall meet, in time for the Jim McKay Maryland Million Day Saturday, Oct. 22.

Jockey Jevian Toledo cruised to the meet riding title, winning 29 races and \$748,808 in purses. Toledo also won the riding title last fall at Laurel. Feargal Lynch finished second with 20 wins.

Among trainers, Hamilton Smith and Tim Keefe shared top honors with 10 wins apiece. It was the first training title for Keefe, and the first for Smith since 2007.

Jamie Ness' Jagger Inc. won more races (four) than any other owner at the stand, while Schera, Germania Farms, Mark Lapidus and Michael Dubb each won three.

FUN AT TIMONIUM

Maryland racing was also pleased with the results of its summer stand at Timonium, seven live days, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5, held during the Maryland State Fair. Coming into the meet, purses were increased nearly 10 percent and trainers' awards were doubled to \$20,000.

Those factors, combined with the Timonium Off-Track Betting facility that

opened in March, made for a 12.5-percent increase in average daily handle.

"Everyone loves to come to Timonium with their families and go to the fair, too," said Georganne Hale, Maryland Jockey Club's director of racing and the racing secretary at Timonium. "Having the new OTB certainly was a plus for the regular bettors who normally don't come to Timonium to bet. I was very pleased with the handle and the participation of the Maryland trainers in the entry box."

Claudio Gonzalez led all trainers with five victories and he hit the board with all nine of his starters. For winning the most races, he earned a bonus of \$5,000.

Trainer Wayne Potts also took home a bonus check of \$5,000 for having the highest point total (based on points assigned for win, place and show finishes). Phil Schoenthal received a bonus of \$4,000, while Kieron Magee, Gerald Brooks and Donald Barr each got bonuses of \$2,000.

Jockeys J.D. Acosta and Jose Montano each finished with eight victories to tie for leading riding honors. ★



Mary Eppler-trained Lovable Lady gets her fifth win, and first in a stakes, in the Jameela for Maryland-breds.

August stakes results for Laurel Park

8/20 Jameela (\$75K). 6 F. Turf. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **LOVABLE LADY** (dk.b./br.m., 5, Not For Love—Summer Notebook, by Notebook). B-Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr. (Md.). O-Samuel H. Rogers Jr. Trust. T-Mary E. Eppler. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:11.14. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Everything Lovely**. 3rd: **Monster Sleeping**.

8/20 Mister Diz (\$75K). 6 F. Turf. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **JOHN JONES** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Smarty Jones—Chrusciki, by Polish Numbers). B-Nancy Lee Farms (Md.). O-Matthew Schera. T-Lacey Gaudet. J-Luis Garcia. Time: 1:10.58. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Just Jack**. 3rd: **Ben's Cat**.

Holiday Double

Asmussen caps big summer at shore with winners of Sapling, Sorority Stakes

BY LYNNE SNIERSON. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUI-PHOTO, INC.



Tip Tap Tapizar (top) and Made Me Shiver deliver juvenile stakes wins in the Sapling and Sorority, respectively, for trainer Steve Asmussen.

Family ties bind. No one appreciates that more than newly minted Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen and Todd Pletcher, and the owners who send their most promising young prospects into their barns.

Asmussen enjoyed a strong Labor Day weekend and swept Monmouth Park's top races for juveniles as the Tapizar colt Tip Tap Tapizar won the Sept. 4 Sapling Stakes for 2-year-olds and the Maclean's Music filly Made Me Shiver took the Sept. 5 Sorority Stakes for 2-year-old fillies.

In August, two Pletcher-trained daughters of 2010 Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old Uncle Mo—Unbridled Mo and Mo d'Amour—finished first and third, respectively, in the Monmouth Oaks-G3 for 3-year-old fillies.

Asmussen, who won his sixth Sapling, was the conditioner of Tapizar and Maclean's Music.

"Steve thought very highly of Maclean's Music, so we wanted to make sure that we put the best one that we've bred and we've seen back in his hands, and Made Me Shiver has done very well in his care," said Jared Burdine, general manager of John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm, which co-owns the filly with Chicago Blackhawks head coach Joel Quenneville.

Carrol Castille is the former owner of Evangeline Downs and now operates a training center called Whispering Oaks Farm on the track's 200-acre former site in Carencro, La. He campaigns Tip Tap Tapizar in his colors.

"Early on we could tell that he was going to be a hell of a lot better than your standard Louisiana-bred," Castille said. "Steve Asmussen and I have been good friends for a long time and I board his mares here. I keep about 40 horses in training year-round with Steve Flint, Bernie Flint's son, but I send my nicer horses to [Asmussen]."

Asmussen gave Tip Tap Tapizar, who came into the Sapling off a second in the Saratoga Special-G2, and Made Me Shiver, fourth after getting caught up in a torrid pace in the Grade 3 Schuylerville at Saratoga in her previous start, some class relief in their respective Monmouth races.

The short-priced favorites surprised no one, least of all their owners.

"She is the first stakes winner for Maclean's Music and she's been the poster child for the stallion from the day she was born," Burdine said. "She was gorgeous as a weanling. She was put into the 2014 Fasig-Tipton [Kentucky November] sale as a great example of the sire. She was in the showcase there and we had a great opportunity to buy her back [for \$150,000]," said Burdine.

Sikura and Quenneville, who won the Stanley Cup with the Blackhawks in 2010, 2013 and 2015, have been close friends since they grew up playing hockey together in Canada. Made Me Shiver is the second horse they've owned together and the first since the Bob Baffert-trained Midnight Hawk.

"She had a bit of a hiccup at Saratoga, but obviously she's turned things back around," Burdine said. "She was even geared down a little bit in the stretch and she still won handily. She's been beautiful and done everything right from Day 1. We were anticipating that race for a long time."

Castille, who noted that the majority of the movie *Secretariat* was filmed at Whispering Oaks, said that Asmussen normally picks out his horses purchased at auction but he discovered Tip Tap Tapizar, a maternal grandson of Storm Cat, in the catalog for the 2015 Keeneland September yearling sale.

"I've been breeding, buying and racing horses since I was 21 and I'm 50 now," said Castille, who paid \$175,000 for the colt. "I loved his sire, and he's been a lot of fun for Steve to train, just like Tapizar was."

"I always knew that Tip Tap Tapizar was this kind of horse, and that going two turns would be better for him. He's showing that a Louisiana-bred can compete in open company. We think there is a big future ahead for this colt, and Steve and I are very excited about him."

Made Me Shiver is giving her owners goose bumps as well.

"We gave her that name because she was so beautiful, just breathtaking, as a foal, and we also took it from the lyrics of the song 'American Pie,'" Burdine said of singer-songwriter Don McLean's anthem. "She does give you that shiver. She's very striking and she lives up to her looks on the track. We hope it continues."

'MO' IN THE OAKS

Monmouth Oaks winner Unbridled Mo is a maternal granddaughter of 1990 Kentucky Derby-G1 and Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Unbridled and is a homebred member of John Brunetti's Red Oak Stable.

"We were happy to see Unbridled Mo win three in a row and step up to win a graded stakes," Pletcher said. "That was a big effort from her. We had high hopes for her this winter, and then she was at Monmouth the whole summer and thrived there. Like of all of the Uncle Mos, they seem to be runners."

Stakes results for Monmouth

8/6 Colleen (\$60K). 5½ F. Turf. 2YO F.

Winner: **RED LODGE** (ch.f., Midshipman—Star Silver, by Aldebaran). B-William J. Betz and Peter V. Lamantia (Ky.). O-Head of Plains Partners and Hat Creek Racing. T-Wesley A. Ward. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:02.98. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Iron Mizz**. 3rd: **Harlands Thunder**.

8/7 Tyro (\$60K). abt. 5½ F. Turf. 2YO.

Winner: **ARDMORE BAY** (b.c., Bluegrass Cat—Collar, by Candy Ride-Arg). B-WinStar Farm (N.Y.). O-The Elkstone Group. T-Thomas Morley. J-Victor Lebron. Time: 1:04.12. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Bay Numbers**. 3rd: **Follow the Rainbow**.

8/13 My Frenchman (\$60K). 5½ F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **POOL WINNER** (b.g., 4, Broken Vow—Welcome Home, by Dixieland Band). B/O-Colts Neck Stables (Ky.). T-Alan E. Goldberg. J-Nik Juarez. Time: 1:01.72. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Sylen Park**. 3rd: **Run for Logistics**.

8/14 Blue Sparkler (\$60K). abt. 5½ F. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **JOYA REAL** (ch.m., 7, Eddington—Regal Locket, by Regal Classic). B-G.L. Zwerling (Ky.). O-Pewter Stable. T-Kathleen A. Demasi. J-Frankie Pennington. Time: 1:02.89. Margin: head. 2nd: **Nite Delite**. 3rd: **Cali Thirty Seven**.

8/20 Monmouth Oaks-G3 (\$100K). 1¼ mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **UNBRIDLED MO** (b.f., Uncle Mo—Unbridled Waters, by Unbridled). B/O-Red Oak Stable (Ky.). T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:44.35. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Tejana**. 3rd: **Mo d'Amour**.

8/21 Cliff Hanger-G3 (\$100K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **CAN'THELPBELIEVING (Ire)** (b.g., 5, Duke of Marmalade-Ire—Embark-GB, by Soviet Star). B-G. Kelly, Milltownmore and Pinnacle B/S (Ireland). O-Albert Frassetto. T-H. Graham Motion. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:46.77. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Hothersal**. 3rd: **Il Segreto (Fr)**.

8/27 Philip H. Iselin-G3 (\$100K). 1¼ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **BACCELO (Brz)** (b.g., 6, Northern Afleet—Quanto Carina, by Wild Event). B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brazil). O/T-Owner: David Jacobson. J-Nik Juarez. Time: 1:48.55. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Mr. Jordan**. 3rd: **Watershed**.

8/28 Charles Hesse III (\$60K). 1¼ mi. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **JERSEY BLUES** (ch.g., 5, Eddington—Sinful Seduction, by Caller I. D.). B/O-Holly Crest Farm (N.J.). T-John F. Mazza. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:43.57. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Fuzzy Muzzle**. 3rd: **Don's Marsh**.

8/28 Eleven North (\$60K). 6 F. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **BUSTIN OUT** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Bustin Stones—Disco Shaker, by Disco Rico). B-Dianne Boyken (N.J.). O-Joseph and Gayle Iola. T-Chuck Spina. J-Jose C. Ferrer. Time: 1:09.20. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Let's Parlay**. 3rd: **She's Hot Wired**.

8/28 New Jersey Breeders (\$60K). 6 F. Reg. NJ-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **CHUBLICIOUS** (b.g., 5, Hey Chub—Sassy Broad, by Arch). B-Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.). O-David Gruskos. T-Jorge Navarro. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:08.76. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Green Gratto**. 3rd: **Play It Again**.

9/4 Sapling (\$100K). 1 mi. 2YO.

Winner: **TIP TAP TAPIZAR** (dk.b./br.c., Tapizar—Counterpoise, by Storm Cat). B-Summer Hill Farm LLC (La.). O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 1:39.00. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Holiday Bonus**. 3rd: **Sonic Mule**.

9/5 Sorority (\$100K). 6 F. 2YO F.

Winner: **MADE ME SHIVER** (b.f., Maclean's Music—Tiz News, by Tiznow). B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc. (Ontario). O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc. and Joel Quenneville. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:11.25. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Easy Money**. 3rd: **Star Super**.

Around the Ovals *Monmouth Park*

“It’s even more rewarding when you have horses to train when you trained the stallion. Now we’re starting to see where we trained the stallion and the mare, and the mare’s mare. It’s fun to see the multiple generations, but it’s especially a lot of fun to see the Uncle Mos.”

Mike Repole’s Uncle Mo never equaled the brilliance of his juvenile season and was diagnosed with a rare liver disease that necessitated a scratch the day before the

Kentucky Derby. The serious illness curtailed his career on the track before he was retired and sent to stand at Ashford Stud.

“The one thing I always felt, and I always told Mike, is that he would handle any distance and a mile and a quarter was within his scope,” Pletcher said. “Unfortunately, for a good portion of his 3-year-old year he just wasn’t healthy. We never got to prove that ability but now it’s proving to be so through his progeny.” ✱



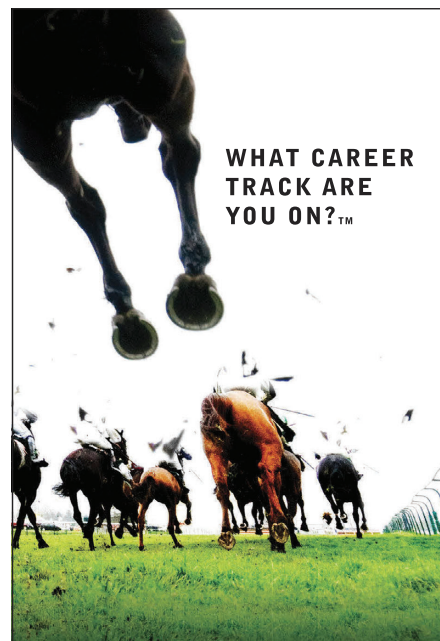
Unbridled Mo made her stakes debut a winning one in the Grade 3 Monmouth Oaks for owner/breeder John Brunetti’s Red Oak Stable, the third victory in a row for the daughter of Uncle Mo.



Graham Motion sent out Albert Frassetto’s Can’t help believing (Ire) to his first graded stakes score in the Grade 3 Cliff Hanger.



A Group 1 winner in his native Brazil, Baccello recorded his first stakes win in the U.S. in the Philip H. Iselin-G3 for trainer/owner David Jacobsson.



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Double Dip

Balayage, Nimble Foot win for Goldberg

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

Trainer Alan Goldberg is no stranger to Parx Racing and in August sent out two well-bred maiden special weight winners.

The first came Aug. 8 when Colts Neck Stables' homebred Balayage defeated males in her second start, a maiden special weight for 2-year-olds going 5 furlongs on turf. The daughter of War Front and a half-sister to Grade 1 winner and sire Warrior's Reward, Balayage was sent off as the 9-10 favorite against seven foes and dominated under Joe Bravo.

Breaking quickly from post six, Balayage controlled the early fractions over the yielding course while never seriously challenged at any point. The bay filly, sixth in her debut at Belmont Park July 16, rolled into the stretch with nearly a 2-length lead and won by 1¼ lengths while geared down.

Goldberg's second maiden win came Aug. 9, when Colts Neck Stables' 4-year-old Danehill Dancer filly Nimble Foot (Ire) won on her 12th attempt.

After making her first career start at The Curragh in October 2014, Nimble Foot was purchased privately by Colts Neck, and made her U.S. debut at Gulfstream Park in April 2015. Sent off as the favorite that day, she finished eighth of nine runners, and then throughout the rest of the year failed to win while picking up minor checks.

Goldberg kept Nimble Foot in the Mid-Atlantic this year and she responded with her best effort yet prior to her maiden-breaker, a second in a \$75,000 maiden special weight at Belmont Park July 13, in which she had a troubled trip.

Hammered down to 1-5 in the 5-furlong Parx maiden special weight on firm

turf, Nimble Foot easily ran to her odds under Paco Lopez. She raced just off the pace early, moved off the fence and burst through a large hole at the top of the stretch. She won by 1¾ lengths in :58.73.

NOTES: Alex and JoAnn Lieblong's **Girls Secret**, a daughter of Giant's Causeway out of Grade 2 winner Well Monied, by Maria's Mon, who cost \$500,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September yearling sale, broke her maiden Aug. 8. Trained by Tony Dutrow, Girls Secret won the 1¼-mile turf race by a neck over Anissa. . . The sixth racetrack proved the charm for Godolphin Racing's **Delay of Game**, who shipped in from trainer Kiaran McLaughlin's base at the Greentree Training Center in Saratoga to break her maiden Aug. 8. The daughter of Bernardini was never seriously threatened at any point and won by 9½ lengths under Ruben Silvera. . . Gary and Mary West's **Police Escort**, a 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred son of Distorted Humor out of Grade 1 winner Cotton Blossom, won the second race of his career Aug. 8 in a state-bred allowance going 6 furlongs. Sent to Bensalem from trainer Jason Servis' base at Monmouth Park, Police Escort won by 5½ lengths under Lopez. He bounced back from a ninth in the Danzig Stakes at Penn National in his previous start June 11. ★

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Improving claimer pulls big upset in Malvern Rose for Tuozzo, Caruso

BY DAN TORDJMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

It happened once before but there was certainly no guarantee it was going to happen again for owner Mike Tuozzo. Three years after he turned a \$10,000 claimer into a stakes winner at Presque Isle Downs, Tuozzo pulled a nearly identical feat with Lucabunny in the \$100,000 Malvern Rose Stakes in August.

Claimed by Tuozzo for \$25,000 at Penn National in January, the 3-year-old daughter of Silver Train failed to record a win in her first four starts for her new owner.

With trainer Nick Caruso at Presque Isle, Lucabunny finally broke through, winning a maiden special weight Aug. 1. Six

days later, the filly returned in the Malvern Rose.

"It really wasn't our plan," Tuozzo said, "but she came back after that maiden race and really wasn't winded at all. It didn't take much out of her. She was feeling good the next day and each day was getting better and better. We had already nominated her way back, so we said, 'Let's go for it.'"

Neither Tuozzo nor Caruso expected Lucabunny to win the race and she was sent off as the longest shot in a nine-horse field at 25-1. They were hopeful for a placing though, assuming their late-running filly got the right setup.

The outlook brightened as the race unfolded with even-money favorite Behrnik's Bank going wide into the first turn and contesting the pace with the well-supported Disco Rose. Turning for home, the pacesetters weakened as Lucabunny started to pick up speed.

"Even if Lucabunny ran third and got black type, that would've been beautiful," Caruso said. "I wasn't overly confident in her winning, by any means; I'd be lying if I said I was. Even at the top of the stretch, I was admittedly yelling for her and hoping she ran third. She just kind of kept on going."

Lucabunny—one of just four horses in Tuozzo's stable—went right past one horse after another. In deep stretch, she cleared to the lead, beating Mast Thoroughbreds' Hey Monba by three-quarters of a length. The final time for the 1-mile race restricted to 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred fillies was 1:38.64.

Bred by Gunpowder Farms, Lucabunny won for the second time and bumped her earnings to \$110,078. For Tuozzo, it was *deja vu*. In early 2013, under extremely similar circumstances, he claimed a filly named Purely Hot for \$4,000 at Penn National. Like Lucabunny, the plan for Purely Hot was to race her through the winter and spring at Penn National, with the eventual target of stakes company at Presque Isle in the summer.

The plan worked to perfection when Purely Hot won the \$100,000 Satin and Lace Stakes in just her fourth race for Tuozzo and Caruso. She'd go on to finish second to Groupie Doll in the \$400,000 Presque Isle Downs Masters-G2. Purely Hot was then sold by Tuozzo for \$225,000 at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky that November.

"That turned out to be a real Cinderella story for us," Tuozzo said. "We always try to claim something that maybe has the potential to increase in value, or maybe jump up a couple of conditions. That's usually our strategy."

Tuozzo, who works in construction in Pennsylvania, grew up around the track in New York. His father owned horses and Tuozzo finally decided he wanted horses of his own. He got into ownership nearly a decade ago, and later developed his racing syndicate.

"I just wanted to introduce other people that wanted to get into the game but couldn't afford it. I bring in friends, or friends of friends, who want to be involved in it," he said.



August stakes results for Presque Isle Downs

8/7 **Malvern Rose** (\$100K). 1 mi. Reg. PA-Bred 3YO F.

Winner: **LUCABUNNY** (ch.f., Silver Train—Record High, by Touch Gold). B-Gunpowder Farms LLC (Pa.). O-Tuozzo Racing LLC. T-Nick Joseph Caruso. J-Willie Martinez. Time: 1:38.64. Margin: $\frac{3}{4}$. 2nd: **Hey Monba**. 3rd: **War Baby**.

Tuozzo has also tried to give people around him opportunities, including Caruso. The trainer, 26, was previously an assistant to Brandon Kulp at Penn National. In 2013, Caruso took out his trainer's license and Tuozzo gave him his first three horses—among them was Purely Hot.

“Our two stake wins are horses we took from claims to the stakes level,” Caruso said, “so that’s pretty cool.”

■ Ron Potts was already having a great summer. It only got better when the leading trainer at Presque Isle Downs notched a one-two finish in the \$100,000 Mark McDermott Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds Sept. 4.

Turning for home, it was Potts’ 2-year-old Haynesfield colt Sixers City who appeared to have the advantage. After breaking his maiden two weeks prior, Sixers

City set a fairly comfortable pace of :22.66 and :46.31, and kicked clear in the stretch.

Gradually, Potts’ filly Diamond Dollar worked her way up the rail and began gaining ground. Still, the trainer figured it was Sixers City, a James Hess homebred, that would hold on.

“He ran so strong when he broke his maiden that when he opened up turning for home, I knew she was going to try but I wasn’t sure she was going to get him,” Potts said.

But in the end, Diamond Dollar not only caught Sixers City, she moved away for a 1¼-length win. The Elkstone Group’s homebred daughter of Not For Love out of the Scarlet Ibis mare Ruby Rubles completed 6 furlongs in 1:11.90.

It was the fourth McDermott win in five years for Potts and Elkstone. In 2012, they won the race with Pitch N Roll, and

then took it the past two years with Duff and Balk.

“I’ve always had a lot of luck in this particular race,” Potts said. “It’s a good feeling. It’s nice having one particular stake that you do well in every year. First and second is also very exciting. It’s nice to have good 2-year-olds.”

Another good filly Potts previously trained was a half-sister to Diamond Dollar named Chelsea Barton. She won her debut at Mountaineer before placing third in her second start in the \$100,000 Miss Shenandoah Stakes at Charles Town.

“I’ve had other horses from that family,” he said, “and they were all precocious 2-year-olds. They were fast early. I knew Diamond Dollar would be and I wanted to make sure that I had her in peak form for these stakes.”



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Loaded Weapon

Bullets Fever makes it seven straight

BY DAN TORDJMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

The flawless run of Bullets Fever continued Aug. 6 when the 3-year-old colt pushed his record to 7-for-7 in the \$50,000 Robert G. Leavitt Stakes.

"He's the best horse that I've ever had," said winning owner David Raim. "I have no sense of how good he can actually turn out to be."

Raim, a trial attorney from Bethesda, Md., could make a strong case for Bullets Fever being the best sprinter in West Virginia. Since debuting last September, the Fiber Sonde colt has racked up four stakes scores at Charles Town. He's also won out of town twice, including a victory against older horses at Pimlico.

Bred by John McKee, the West Virginia-bred out of the Indian Charlie mare Ghost Canyon is a full-brother to 2013 West Virginia Lottery Breeders Classic Stakes winner Hidden Canyon.

The colt's pedigree initially piqued Raim's interest and trainer Jeff Runco helped broker the deal to buy Bullets Fever.

"Hidden Canyon was very good," Raim said. "John McKee spoke to Jeff and asked Jeff if any of his clients might be interested in purchasing a younger full-brother. Jeff asked me, and I said, 'I'd definitely be interested.' We took it from there and bought him from John privately."

Runco, who again sits atop the trainer standings at Charles Town, rates Bullets Fever as one of his best 3-year-old colts, ever. Like most horses his age, Bullets Fever can be hard to handle at times, but there's no knocking the results.

"He's a little bit of a tough guy, but not bad," Runco said. "He's a playful horse with a good disposition. He's good to work around, he trains well, and he does all the right things."

He's been so good that it was almost surprising that he only won the Leavitt by 1½ lengths, while completing 7 furlongs in 1:24.04. Since he's never run farther than that, Bullets Fever was being pointed toward the \$75,000 West Virginia Lottery

Breeders Classic, rather than the \$500,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic at 9 furlongs.

"Even though it's not as big a purse," Raim said, "I want to do what's best for this horse. Jeff has not over-raced him, while trying to build him up. I don't think Jeff thinks he's ready yet."

Bullets Fever might be ready for other tests away from Charles Town. After the Breeders Classics, Raim and Runco plan on picking out spots elsewhere for Bullets Fever. Not only has he gone through most of his conditions in West Virginia, the horse has earned a shot to truly show how good he might be.

"He's 7-for-7, so what can you say? He's undefeated," Runco said. "There's maybe one or two other horses in the country that have done that and one is Rick Porter's Songbird. There may be one or two others but it's pretty unique when you can get a horse to do that. He's a special horse, for sure."

For Raim, Bullets Fever has been more than special—he's already been the horse of a lifetime. In addition to the unknown upside of Bullets Fever, Raim also owns Wizards Fever, a 2-year-old full-sister.

Wizards Fever's racing debut has been delayed by injury but she's back in training and expected to make it to the races before the end of the year.

BANNER YEAR FOR BOCACHICA

He's been a model of consistency at Charles Town for a decade but this year feels a little different for Arnaldo Bocachica. The journeyman jockey from Carolina, Puerto Rico, is piling up wins, while riding some of the best horses at Charles Town.

"This year has been really good for me," he said.

Bocachica, 28, has been a staple among the leading riders at Charles Town over the past five years. In 2015, he won 166 races. Those were his best numbers since he won the Charles Town riding title as an apprentice in 2007.

Prior to that, he and his older brother Orlando—who currently rides at Monmouth Park—grew up in a household with five sisters. Their father, also named Orlando, was a jockey in Puerto Rico and paved the way for his children's success.

At 16, Arnaldo began attending a jockey school in Puerto Rico. It wasn't long before he got an offer from a U.S.-based jockey agent to come to West Virginia and ride there. He hadn't yet completed his two



Burgeoning West Virginia-bred star Bullets Fever streaks through the night to win the Robert Leavitt Memorial, his seventh consecutive win.

years of jockey school education, when Bocachica decided to make the move.

"In the beginning, it was a little bit slow. I was still green," he said. "Then I started learning and getting better horses. I had a really good bug boy year. When I lost my bug, I lost a little bit of business but I kept working hard."

After winning 216 races in 2007, Bocachica's total dropped significantly the next year to just 76 victories. Over the next few years, he began to claw his way back up the jockey standings, often leaning on his brother for advice and support.

"He helped me a lot," Bocachica said. "He let me know what I was doing wrong. He teaches me a lot. Even now, he'll call me and tell me, 'You need to put your chest down a little bit.' He still calls when I do something wrong."

By 2009, Bocachica had reestablished himself as a force on the circuit. En route to improving to 94 victories on the year, he rode three West Virginia Breeders Classics winners. He committed himself to building upon that, and linked up with agent Joe Mascolo.

"We're together about five and a half years now," Mascolo said. "He has a really good work ethic. He shows up every day. Whatever needs to be done in the mornings from trainers, he definitely makes it. He works hard."

That hard work started to catch the eye of local trainers. Bocachica got opportunities to ride bigger horses in bigger spots. In 2013 and 2014, he won the A Huevo Stakes aboard millionaire Lucy's Bob Boy.

Perhaps the most significant moment in Bocachica's career came two years ago, when he landed the job of riding first-call for Runco. For 11 straight years, Runco has led all trainers in wins at Charles Town.

"When you ride for a barn like that, you tend to be on top," Bocachica said. "I'm really happy to be riding for the barn and I'm excited about this year. I'm looking to be the leading rider this year."

As of early September, Bocachica had \$1,488,397 in purse earnings and 109 wins—just one shy of Jose Montano, who has won the riding title at Charles Town each of the last four years.

Even more significant than Bocachica's wins and earnings totals are some of the individual horses he's riding for Runco and Coleswood Farm (owned by Runco and his wife). Bocachica is the regular rider for Navy Ribbon. The 4-year-old daughter of Pure Prize won the West Virginia Division of Tourism Breeders Classic Stakes last



With Christian Hiraldo looking for competition, Return to Denis splashes home in front of T Rex Express in the Sylvia Bishop Memorial.

year, and continues to be one of the most highly-regarded West Virginia-bred fillies.

In August, Bocachica guided Runco's In the Fairway to victory in the \$100,000 Northern Panhandle Stakes at Mountaineer. Earlier in the year, the 6-year-old son of Posse also scooped the \$50,000 Confucius Say Stakes. In the Fairway boasts \$486,469 in earnings.

Bocachica also rides the star of Runco's barn, Bullets Fever. Undeclared in seven starts, the horse projects to be a heavy favorite in the West Virginia Lottery Breeders Classic. Bullets Fever and Bocachica already have four stakes wins together, along with an allowance win at Pimlico in June.

"I love Bullets Fever," Bocachica said. "The day that I went to Maryland to ride him, it looked like it was a really tough race. He stepped up and got the win. He showed a lot of heart that day. Everything they ask of him, he just wins."

The same can be said for Bocachica. He's on pace to surpass his win total from last year and, with a little luck on Breeders

Classic night, he could exceed his 2015 earnings mark of \$2,717,234.

Even when times weren't as good for Bocachica, he's always kept a positive attitude. His agent was there through some of the bumps, and hardly saw any change in the jockey's approach to his job.

"He has a good personality. He's happy-go-lucky, that way," Mascolo said. "He loves to ride. Everything with him is horses. I mean, from the time he wakes up to the time he goes to bed. He's done quite well and I appreciate working with him."

Bocachica has paid his dues and now it's paying off. He admits that he's thought about what it might be like to ride on another circuit. After all, Charles Town is all he's ever known—he practically grew up on the West Virginia oval. This has become home, and it's never easy to leave home, especially in times like these.

"I have a really good opportunity, so I don't want to mess that up," Bocachica said. "I'm doing really good here, so it needs to be a really good offer for me to leave." ★

August stakes results for Charles Town

8/6 Robert G. Leavitt Memorial (\$50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred 3YO.

Winner: **BULLETS FEVER** (gr./ro.c., Fiber Sonde—Ghost Canyon, by Indian Charlie). B-John D. McKee (W.Va.). O-David M. Raim. T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: 1:24.04. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Castle Bound**. 3rd: **North Atlantic**.

8/27 Sylvia Bishop Memorial (\$50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred 3YO F.

Winner: **RETURN TO DENIS** (b.f., Denis of Cork—Return Trick, by Put It Back). B/T-James W. Casey (W.Va.). O-Taylor Mountain Farm. J-Christian Hiraldo. Time: 1:26.50. Margin: ½. 2nd: **T Rex Express**. 3rd: **All About Attitude**.

Successful Team

Paging Mr. Hughes scores for group behind Grade 1 winner Fabulous Strike

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY, PHOTOGRAPHS BY B N D PHOTOGRAPHY

Trainer Todd Beattie and owner Walter Downey of Tea Party Stable were at the forefront of national Thoroughbred news between 2006 and 2011 as the team behind Grade 1-winning sprinter Fabulous Strike.

The Pennsylvania-bred son of Smart Strike began his career winning and placing in several ungraded stakes in the Mid-Atlantic and New York in 2006 before his career took off in 2007. The homebred gelding won two graded stakes in 2007, including the Vosburgh Handicap-G1 at Belmont Park.

Fabulous Strike would go on to place twice more in the Vosburgh, as well as add three more graded stakes to his accomplishments. He was sidelined for 18 months with a tendon injury after the 2009 Vosburgh. He then underwent stem cell therapy at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center in 2010, and returned to the races successfully in 2011, when he won his return race at Penn National in the slop.

That proved to be the gelding's final victory, and he retired with a bankroll of more than \$1.4 million and 15 victo-

ries in 28 starts. Later that year, Downey announced that Fabulous Strike would spend his retirement at Old Friends in Georgetown, Ky., and a stakes was named in his honor at Penn National.

Since Fabulous Strike faded from the scene, Beattie and Downey have continued to do business, with a large percentage of Downey's runners being homebreds. One of those homebreds, Paging Mr. Hughes, broke her maiden Aug. 4, drawing away from five state-bred rivals with speed to spare after being on the sidelines for nine months.

The 3-year-old daughter of Henny Hughes made her debut last November going 6 furlongs. She finished fourth that day, 19¾ lengths behind runaway winner Behrnik's Bank. The winner went on the win the Blue Mountain Juvenile Stakes the next month, while Paging Mr. Hughes came out of her first start with an injury.

"We liked her a lot going into that first race, but she returned with a chip in her knee," Beattie said.

After a string of steady workouts beginning in July, Beattie had Paging Mr. Hughes ready. Entered Aug. 4 with her stablemate, favored Forest Dew, Paging Mr. Hughes engaged Forest Dew from the get-go, as they sped a half-mile on the fast track in :45.53. Entering the homestretch, Jeremy Rose unleashed Paging Mr. Hughes and she responded by spurting away to a 1¼-length win. Forest Dew finished second, 7 lengths clear of What's Trending.

Paging Mr. Hughes is out of the Dixie Brass mare Arpeggio, who won the Girl Powder Handicap at Meadowlands and placed in two other stakes among her 60 starts.

Arpeggio is out of the stakes-placed Czaravich mare Emmic, New Jersey's Broodmare of the Year in 2001. Although Arpeggio is a very large mare, Beattie said that Paging Mr. Hughes did not inherit her dam's size.

"She's on the medium to smaller size, but she's not little," Beattie said. "She's put together really nice, and I couldn't be happier with the way she came back from the layoff. Both of those fillies [including Forest Dew] have bright futures."

Forest Dew, bred by Cindy Bohn, is a 4-year-old daughter of Forestry out of the Not For Love mare Financial Risk. The filly is co-owned by Beattie, Dennis Sweigart and Salvatore Cullari.

Beattie was the first trainer of Grade 1 winner and millionaire Taris, who made her first five starts for Commonwealth



August stakes results for Penn National

8/6 Robellino (\$100K). 11½ mi. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **EDGE OF REALITY** (dk.b./br.g., 6, Lawyer Ron—Our Nancy Lee, by Touch Gold). B/O-The Elkstone Group LLC (Pa.), T-H. Graham Motion. J-Jeremy Rose. Time: 1:42.06. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Raging Market**. 3rd: **Granny's Kitten**.

2016 Annual Dispersal

YEARLINGS

Kitty in the Woods. FILLY.
In the Woods–Fine Feline

Mama Rocks. FILLY.
Andiron–Hey Hey Mama

Indy Action. FILLY.
Andiron–Tsunami Stryker

Victorio. COLT. **Victory Isle–Light N Easy**

Lady in Pursuit. FILLY.
Andiron–Officer in Pursuit

Quiet Wildcat. FILLY.
In the Woods–Quiet Heiress

Bandalina. FILLY. **Banachek–Sing It Out**

Brazilliant. COLT. **Banachek–Storm Rubi**

Wiseman's Secret. COLT.
Wiseman's Ferry–Alpine Secret

Successful Gal. FILLY.
Banachek–Mysouthernprincess

COLT. **Southern Success–Crept By**

FILLY. **In the Woods–Barbara's Song**

FILLY. **In the Woods–Jealous Queen**

COLT. **Congaree–Kristal Kiwi**

FILLY. **Bullet Train (GB)–
She Wears the Best**

COLT. **Banachek–Successful Prenup**

FILLY. **Southern Success–She'stenontop**

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Southern Mistress. FILLY.
Southern Success–Digamistress
BROKE AND GALLOPING 90 DAYS

FILLY. **In the Woods–Quiet Heiress**
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Disco Doll. FILLY.
Bob and John–Sister Disco

Victor Ballou. GELDING.
Victory Isle–Miss Cat Ballou

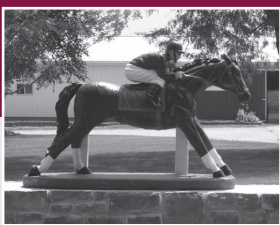
FILLY. **Archarcharch–Moral Code**
BROKE AND GALLOPING 90 DAYS

FILLY. **U S Ranger–Prosperity Avenue**

Southern Luck. COLT.
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BROKE AND GALLOPING

Bandila. FILLY.
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**AT STUD: ANDIRON, BANACHEK, IL VILLANO, IN THE WOODS, SOUTHERN SUCCESS,
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New Era Racing. In December 2013, Taris broke her maiden first out at Aqueduct. She won the Wide Country Stakes at Laurel Park in January, and captured the Raven Run Stakes-G2 at Keeneland that October under Beattie's tutelage before selling for \$2.35 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November selected mixed sale.

■ The Elkstone Group's homebred Edge of Reality went past the \$640,000 mark in earnings when he won the Robellino Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds Aug. 6.

Jeremy Rose rode the gelding for trainer Graham Motion, allowing the 6-year-old by Lawyer Ron to drop back toward the rear of the field through the first half-mile of the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile turf test. At the three-eighths pole, Rose asked Edge of Reality to move and he quickly ranged up to within striking distance of leader Saratoga Jack. Leaving the far turn and heading into the stretch, Edge of Reality was five wide and swept past the leader to win by a length in 1:42.06.

The Robellino was the first win in 2016 for Edge of Reality, whose last win came in the Turning For Home Stakes at Parx in June 2015. Also on his resume is a win in the Alphabet Soup Handicap at Parx in 2014 and the Leematt Stakes at Presque Isle Downs that same year. He became a graded winner with his first stakes score, the Grade 3 Smarty Jones in September 2013.

■ Trainer Eddie Graham and owner Greg Bentley made headlines when Hardest Core registered an 11-1 upset in the 2014 Arlington Million Stakes-G1.

Hardest Core, a gelded son of Hard Spun, remains in training and finished second in this year's Singpiel Stakes-G3 at Woodbine July 3. Graham also continues to find the winner's circle and did Aug. 5 when he saddled Hoppala (Ire) to a maiden special weight win for Bentley.

The 3-year-old son of Acclamation made his first five starts in Ireland prior to arriving in Graham's Pennsylvania barn.

He made his U.S. debut at Laurel Park April 15, which resulted in an off-the-board finish, followed by another unplaced effort at Delaware Park June 29 before finishing second at Penn National July 21.

Sent off the heavy favorite Aug. 5 going 1-mile on the turf with David Cora aboard, Hoppala won by 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths over the yielding course.

■ Carl L. Hess Jr.'s Midnight Punk returned from nearly seven months on the sidelines to win a maiden special weight over a sloppy track Aug. 1.

The 3-year-old colt by Midnight Lute trained by Brandon Kulp relished the off going and dueled for the lead from the start with longshot Rye Z Rolls before winning by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Bred by the Midnight Lute Syndicate, Teresa Little and Tammy Fox, Midnight Punk was purchased by Hess for \$52,000 at the 2015 OBS April 2-year-olds in training sale. He is out of the Regal Classic mare Doctor Diane. ★

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Joy and Sorrow

Portrade wins Grade 1 N.Y. Turf Writers as injury claims stablemate Bob Le Beau

BY JOE AND SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

Owning, training, riding, watching Thoroughbred racing takes great strength. You're supposed to stand tall, weather the punches, smile when you win, smile when you lose, be gracious, magnanimous, thankful, stoic.

Then you get a moment like 2016 New York Turf Writers Cup at Saratoga Race

Course Aug. 25, when Portrade (Ire) won for The Fields Stable and trainer Elizabeth Voss while race favorite and fellow The Fields/Voss runner Bob Le Beau (Ire) was being helped into the equine ambulance with a fractured right hind leg. Portrade got his picture taken, Bob Le Beau got a ride to Rood and Riddle's Saratoga clinic

for X-rays and—ultimately—the worst diagnosis. Injured too severely, the multiple Grade 1 winner was euthanized.

"We're numb," said Gary Murray, Voss' husband and the bloodstock agent who helped import both horses from Ireland. "It's bittersweet. The positives are Portrade and (jockey) Gus Dahl."

The negative was, of course, Bob Le Beau who was running comfortably at the back of the six-horse field when he went wrong behind and was pulled up by Jack Doyle on the second of five turns in the \$150,000 race. They'd jumped three fences in a race they won last year and were 3-5 to win again. Instead of going to the winner's circle with his horse, Doyle got in the horse ambulance.

"We know it can happen in any race, flat or jump, everybody does," Murray said. "That doesn't make it any easier. He was a happy horse, a grand horse, he had a good life, we loved him."



Portrade flashes his front-running form for trainer Elizabeth Voss and jockey Gus Dahl in the New York Turf Writers Cup at Saratoga.

Murray said the fracture was closed and that there was initially some hope of stabilizing the injury, to his right hind. Further exams revealed additional damage.

"If we could have, we would have," Murray said of saving the horse. "There were too many things broken."

Bob Le Beau was the third fatality in the Turf Writers in three years, following the Voss-trained Makari (Ire) in 2014 and Divine Fortune last year. Those deaths came in falls at the last fence, and helped prompt the removal of the final fence in the stretch in jump races at Saratoga this year. Bob Le Beau's injury did not happen at a fence and he did not fall. He went lame about 5 furlongs into the race and was pulled up.

The 9-year-old won 14 of 50 starts, and earned \$617,457 in a career that began in 2009. The three-time Grade 1 winner was an Eclipse Award finalist as champion steeplechaser last year. He'd opened his 2016 Saratoga campaign with a win in the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick Aug. 4.

"You think you're bringing over a horse in 110-percent condition, in the shape of his life," said Murray. "You're thinking, even if he doesn't win he gets around and comes home and you're still happy with him. We've been saying all week how good he is, how good he feels."

Owner Laddy Merck, whose late mother Betty started The Fields Stable with the purchase of Rokeby Stable dispersal horse Brigade of Guards in 1996, was predictably torn.

"It's hard," he said just outside the winner's circle. "I remember when it happened to Mom with a horse and Cot Campbell told us 'It takes a lot of fortitude, this game.' Mom would be so torn right now. She'd be so much more worried about Bob than she would be cheering for Portrade. But she'd be proud of him, too."

Sent off at 13-1, Portrade went to the front immediately and simply made it last—repelling 21-1 shot Andi'amu (Fr) by a length after 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ miles in 4:28.93. Scorpioncer (Ire) finished third. Bred by Keene Bloodstock in Ireland, Portrade won for the first time in an American career that began in April 2015. The son of Trade Fair (GB) won three Irish hurdle starts (including two in a week) while part of George Stanley's small yard in 2014. The highlight came at Listowel in September, when he won a handicap hurdle. The bay gelding finished second in October and



Detroit Blues and Sean McDermott fly a fence midway through an allowance hurdle win at Saratoga.

was purchased at the Brightwells Sale at Cheltenham, England in November 2014.

Portrade fell in his first start last April, then finished fourth behind Bob Le Beau in a Grade 3 stakes in May. Sidelined for the second half of last year, the 7-year-old emerged at Fair Hill in May and finished fifth in a handicap hurdle before placing third at 42-1 in the Smithwick. He made the running that day too, but yielded to his more-famous stablemate. Two days before the big win, Portrade galloped with Bob Le Beau and flat stakes winner Renown on the turf at Oklahoma. Steady as an Olympic marathoner grinding out miles, minor winner Portrade led two stakes horses. He looked outgunned, but not outclassed.

"He was on my radar, but I didn't have anybody for him," Murray said of the Irish form. "He was a solid horse there and I just thought he might suit here. He's not a world-beater, but he just tries so hard and now he's a Grade 1 winner."

Murray paid credit to Dahl, who won his first graded stakes, for unlocking some of the talent.

"As much as Jack and Bob are a team, Gus and Portrade are a team," Murray said. "Nobody else gets on him. I'm so happy for the kid. It's hard when your comrade is Jack and he's winning races every week and you're riding home in the car without as many wins. He kept working and I'm

happy for him even if it's a tough day for everyone."

In turn, Dahl paid tribute to his horse.

"He's always there, it's the happiest he's ever been, it's the soundest he's ever been. He's probably not the best mover in the world, but the last month, he's alighted," he said. "The last day, he was a little fresh, we ran him a little shorter because we thought he wasn't getting the trip at the hunt meets. He dug in and kept trying, kept trying. I was more confident today because he's been going so well at home."

MAHONEY GETS FIRST SPA WIN

Saratoga was trying to tell George Mahoney something.

The long-time steeplechase owner had his first runner here in 2014, and watched Wantan (Arg) finish fifth of five finishers in one race and pull up while hopelessly beaten in another. Last year, the Marylander had two runners and one managed to finish third—in a race with three finishers. This year wasn't going much better as his first runner was rained out of a start Aug. 10 and his second, Dino Mite (GB), refused to start the following day.

On Aug. 17, Mahoney finally got his chance as his Rosbrian Farm silks graced the Saratoga winner's circle for the first time after a \$65,000 allowance hurdle won

by Detroit Blues (GB)—the horse whose race was rained out a week earlier.

“Euphoric and terribly, terribly delighted,” Mahoney responded when asked what it felt like. “It’s something everybody wants to do. This is the epicenter of racing, this is where it all is. It’s great, a real thrill to win a race here. We’ve had bad luck for a year, for a year, and now maybe we broke the ice.”

Raced in England by trainer Jamie Snowden through this spring, Detroit Blues was imported by Mahoney and trainer Ricky Hendriks with Saratoga in mind. The 6-year-old chestnut fit the bill—as a maiden hurdle winner last spring whose form had tailed off over his last three starts—lopsided defeats including a pull-up going 3 miles over chase fences at Ludlow in May.

At Saratoga, he met seven others led by mercurial favorite Unsinkable (Ire) who was bet down to 3-5 despite being scratched at the start of a race here July 27. The gray Irish-bred froze briefly in the paddock and was unruly warming up, but made it away from the flag OK. The rest was a mess as the favorite jumped poorly and battled an unsettled Personal Start up front for most of the early going.

Sean McDermott placed Detroit Blues in fifth early as the field got strung out over the first lap. Things got much tighter on the final run up the backstretch, as Detroit Blues established position between the tiring leaders going to the last fence. He entered the turn with a slim lead and was soon joined by Hardrock Eleven, who went up by a neck to the outside. Detroit Blues went back to the front exiting the turn, built a quick 2-length advantage and won by 2¼ lengths at 13-1. Hardrock Eleven (16-1) stayed for second with Blue Atlantic (10-1) third. The \$2 trifecta paid \$1,688 and the \$2 superfecta paid \$10,139 as the top two choices—Unsinkable and Duke of Medina (Ire)—finished far back.

“If there wasn’t going to be a lot of pace on, I was going to jump off and make it,” McDermott said of his pre-race thinking. “There was so much pace on, that’s where I had to sit. It’s the first time jumping those hurdles, mid-race he started jumping really well, he stayed all the way to the line. He’s a lovely, honest horse.”

Mahoney and Hendriks bought Detroit Blues, a son of former Godolphin runner Tobougg (Ire), without ever seeing him.



Help From Heaven (left) matches strides with Castle Hill early in an allowance hurdle win for trainer Doug Fout and jockey Kieran Norris.

“We bought him sight-unseen,” said Hendriks. “I loved him when he showed up. He’s a great type, about 16 hands, not too big, just a nice-looking horse, well made.”

Tobougg won England’s Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes in 2000 and was named champion 2-year-old in England. He placed in three Group 1 races as a 3-year-old—including a third behind Galileo (Ire) in the Epsom Derby—and now stands at stud in Ireland.

FOUT, LAZENBY TEAM UP FOR TWO

Doug Fout stood in front of the clubhouse big screen and watched the replay of the Aug. 24 steeplechase opener and loved what he saw—again. Longshot Dyna’s Vow set a tepid pace, Fout’s Help From Heaven settled, in the clear, through three turns and seven hurdles.

“Slow pace,” Fout said, while watching the allowance hurdle. “It was the best setup we’ve had.”

And then it nearly slipped away as Help From Heaven made his only blunder in the \$65,000 allowance hurdle, clouting the eighth fence and losing precious ground. Kieran Norris didn’t panic. Unlike Fout, who slid to the knot while watching the replay.

“I can’t get over how he almost goes on his head at the last,” Fout said.

Undaunted, Help From Heaven slid back to third as Castle Hill forged to the lead and Dyna’s Vow clung to the inside. Turning for home, Norris swung Help From Heaven wide, outside Castle Hill as All for Us ranged up on the far outside, poking his head in front. Help From Heaven battled back to eke out a neck decision over All for Us. Share Out rallied to be third.

Fout was impressed.

“I thought we were done when he made that mistake, then he gets pinched in the turn, drops back, then comes between two horses and gets up,” Fout said. “The thing about this horse is he’s so honest, he gives you try, he gives you everything he has. If I could make the weight, I’d ride the horse.”

Purchased as a yearling for \$57,000 at Keeneland September by present owner Gigi Lazenby, the 4-year-old son of Divine Park won twice and finished second in the Sunset Stakes at Evangeline Downs last summer.

By December, he was flunking the program with flat trainer Oscar Modica. Lazenby, a Nashville, Tenn., resident who started converting a few flat horses from the stable of her brother David Banks in 2013, called Fout.



Once part of Alan Goldberg's flat stable, Special Skills (1) and Rudyard K jump among a crowd in a handicap hurdle at Saratoga Aug. 31.

"He started to get sour on the track, he started wheeling at the track, she was having some fun with this and said let's run him on the flat. How lucky was I?" said the trainer, whose wife Beth rides Help From Heaven on the farm in Virginia most mornings. "The first time we schooled him, with a stride to go, he stopped and wheeled. I had to take Dreamin Fool out of cobwebs to give him a lead on Sunday. He's just like Hirapour (Ire), he'll see that fence and go out the back door."

Help From Heaven has a long way to go to match Hirapour—champion steeplechaser of 2004—but is on his way.

Eight days later, the Lazenby-Fout team delivered again as Hardrock Eleven ousted seven others in a \$65,000 allowance Sept. 1 thanks in part to some new technology that might have made Fout's father, trainer Paul Fout, blanche.

Paul Fout, who died in 2005, was an old-school horse trainer who found major success with 1975 steeplechase champion Life's Illusion and Grade 1 flat winner Colstar among others. But he was not one for tricks or shortcuts, and neither is his son.

Except maybe this one time.

"I don't believe in gimmicks, but I'll tell you that titanium hood works," said Doug. "My dad would say, 'You've done lost your

mind, son.' I can hear him now, but it's made a difference with this horse. I'm a believer. It's the only goofy thing I use."

Goofy or not, the hood—essentially blinkers without eye cups and made of fabric containing liquid titanium—was in the winner's circle Thursday and Fout was paying it full credit. Liquid titanium produces negative ions, which are supposed to generate a sense of calm in horses—and humans, too.

And Hardrock Eleven can use all the calm he can get.

"I was warned up front that he was tough," Fout said. "He's tough to gallop at home. He can't stay (in Saratoga) because he gets too wound up. He gets turned out at home and that helps him. That's the part he likes the most. And in the mornings you can hold him, but you can't fight with him."

In his win, the 6-year-old son of Rock Hard Ten jumped up front with the Fout-trained Secret Reward, then took over leaving the last fence on the backside and won by 3¼ lengths for apprentice Brendan Crowley. Castle Hill finished second with Blue Atlantic third. Hardrock Eleven improved to 2-for-11 over fences, and completed a comeback from some problems left over from starts in April and May.

"He twisted a shoe real bad in April and it went up into his frog, and then we had

some trouble with his hind end because of all that," said Fout of a pull-up at Charlotte April 30. "He jumped so bad to the right that day, which he kind of wants to do anyway and was all messed up. He hurt his sacroiliac and it took us a couple months to get him over that and get him back going the right way."

Hardrock Eleven started his career by winning his second start at Delta Downs as a 2-year-old—going 7½ furlongs on the dirt—for Lazenby and Banks. At 3, the gray gelding placed in a stakes at Sam Houston and even took a swing at the big time when last of 11 in the Grade 2 Risen Star at Fair Grounds and ninth of 11 in the Grade 2 Rebel at Oaklawn Park (behind Will Take Charge and Oxbow among others) in 2013.

Banks died in 2014 and Lazenby's flat stable—based mainly in Louisiana—is now trained by his former assistant Oscar Modica. The potential steeplechasers, including Aug. 24 Saratoga winner Help From Heaven, moved to Dwight Hall in Tennessee for early lessons and then on to Fout.

"Dwight gets them started over poles and things and then they come to me," Fout said. "Gigi is great to train for. I feel bad that she missed both of the wins up here because her husband has been ill, but she's great, she never gets mad, never gets disappointed. It makes it so much more comfortable to train a horse that way."

YOUNG, FISHER SCORE IN FINAL WEEK

Paddy Young thought Saratoga 2016 was over before it started. The 40-year-old jockey fell at Parx July 12, breaking his right arm and cracking his pelvis. On the way home, Young called trainer Jack Fisher and told him to make other plans for Schoodic in the A. P. Smithwick and others during the meet.

But jump jockeys don't stay down for long.

With a plate in his right forearm and a crack in the middle of his pelvis, Young was back riding in 10 days and back riding races by Aug. 4, when he took a spin on veteran Spirit of Shankly (GB), just for a test run.

Twenty-seven days after that test run, Young was back in the winner's circle after guiding the Fisher-trained Special Skills to win a hurdle handicap Aug. 31. Owned by Sheila Williams and Northwood Stable,

the son of Bernstein drew off to win by 2 lengths over favorite Top Striker and Rudyard K. Bouncing back from a third Aug. 3, Special Skills earned his third career hurdle victory.

Young settled Special Skills in seventh of eight but lost that slot as the field turned down the backside for the first time. Special Skills grabbed the bit and ran up behind Rudyard K, forcing jockey Jack Doyle into defense mode, as the duo ripped through the field. By the time they left the backside, Orchestra Leader led Rudyard K and Special Skills, who had done a cannonball into that spot. Turning into the stretch the second time, Special Skills pulled Young into the back of Orchestra Leader, clipping heels and bobbling for a stride.

"They didn't go that quick today, he settled nicely and then everything stopped in front of him and he got keen, I got up on Jack Doyle and set him off," Young said. "He clipped heels, it was probably the best thing to happen, it made him pay attention a bit more."

Special Skills continued to stalk, flew the two hurdles on the backside, slipped out on the turn and won easily as Young merely slapped Special Skills on the right shoulder.

Young finished the Saratoga season with a win, a second aboard Andi'amu in the New York Turf Writers Cup and two thirds from six rides.

"Everything I've ridden here has run well, bar one horse, so I wasn't disappointed how things were going, I'm lucky I'm even here after Philadelphia Park, so

anything's a bonus," Young said. "When Andi'amu ran well last week, I thought maybe that's as good as it gets, but the more I looked at this horse, the better I thought his chances were."

Special Skills won three races on the flat before being purchased by Fisher in his annual fall shopping spree of trainer Alan Goldberg's turf horses who aren't paying their way. Last season, Special Skills broke his maiden over jumps at Suffolk and won an allowance in his next start. This year, he was winless in four tries before Wednesday.

Young had never ridden the Sierra Farm-bred 6-year-old and certainly didn't think he would be riding him at Saratoga back in July.

"I called Jack on the way home because I was supposed to ride Schoodic up here and told him he better find someone else, no chance of being back. After a couple of days, when the swelling went down, I was always able to move my fingers and in about a week, I was able to get moving pretty good, in about 10 days I was back riding out," said Young who helps train a string of horses with his wife Leslie. "Once you're back on a horse, the healing is so much quicker, I knew unless I fell, the arm was fine, it was welded together in a sense. It was just a matter of how much you really still want to do it."

At 40 years old, with five champion jockey trophies on his mantel, Young has thought about slowing down but has yet to take his foot off the gas.

"When you school something good, you're always thinking if you have a superstar at home, you'll come back for him.

You question comebacks all the time, you do think about it, but I've been lucky, I know I've had a fair few injuries but bones mend," Young said. "As long as you can get up and get moving, there's always a chance and there's always someone worse off than me. This (comeback) was never really in doubt, but still, I look at my birthdate and think I'm 40, but every jump jockey wakes up sore, every morning. There's no sense complaining."

News and Notes: Saratoga carded nine (of 12 scheduled) jump races, which attracted 51 horses who made 73 starts. The 8.1 starters per race figure increased from 6.7 starters per race in 2015. . . Fall meets planned for Tryon, N.C., and Charleston, S.C., were canceled in late August. Plans now call for the new Tryon International Equestrian Center course will be used for the first time to host the Block House Races April 15, 2017. . . Through Sept. 21, Jack Fisher led Cyril Murphy, 14-13, atop the trainers' standings. Fisher's horses had placed in the top three 40 times, from 80 starts while Murphy still carried a gaudy 13-for-32 strike rate despite not winning at Saratoga. Jack Doyle (11 wins) led Connor Hankin and Ross Geraghty by two in the jockeys' race, though Hankin's year was finished as he reported to Marine Corps officer training school in September. Kieran Norris, Gerard Galligan and Gus Dahl each had won six races heading into the fall season. With \$551,200 (at least \$300,000 more than his nearest rival), Irv Naylor's lead among the owners looked untouchable. ■



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War Front's Mosler headed to stud at Country Life Farm

Multiple stakes winner Mosler, the first son of popular sire War Front to retire to stud in the region, will stand at the Pons family's Country Life Farm in Bel Air, Md., in 2017. The 5-year-old, who won the Laurel Dash Sept. 10, is scheduled to race for his owner Adele Dilschneider through November.

"We'd been looking for years for a stallion to cross with A.P. Indy mares," said Mike Pons. "This horse is a wonderful cross, an A++, and he's wonderfully bred. He's inbred [2x4] to Danzig and there's a wonderful blend of old Claiborne blood in his pedigree."

Trained by Bill Mott, Mosler exited the Laurel race with five wins from 17 starts and earnings of \$340,967. He completed 6 furlongs in the Laurel Dash in 1:08.26, less than a second off the course record. Also sprinting on the turf, he won the 7-furlong Elusive Quality at Belmont Park in 2015 by 2 lengths in 1:20.63. In this year's Elusive Quality, he led through

a half in :43.68 before finishing third behind A Lot, who set a course record of 1:19.23.

Mosler won three allowances at 1 mile on the main track in New York during his 2- and 3-year-old seasons. His stakes-placings include a third-place finish in Woodbine's Grade 2 Highlander Stakes

Out of the Arch mare Gold Vault, Mosler sold as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2012 for \$1.05 million. His half-sister Contested (by Ghostzapper) sold two months later as a broodmare prospect for \$2.3 million at Fasig-Tipton November after proving to be one of the best sprint fillies of the year when capturing the Grade 1 Acorn and Test Stakes. His full-brother Air Vice Marshal, a group-placed runner in England, sold for \$2.2 million at Keeneland September in 2014, the co-top price of the sale.

The family includes multiple Grade 1-winning sprinter and graded stakes sire Pomeroy.



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Bred by Seth Hancock's Cherry Valley Farm, Mosler will be owned by a syndicate comprised of Country Life, Hancock and Dilschneider, who will also send mares to support him.

First starter triumphs for West Virginia's Gattopardo

West Virginia freshman sire Gattopardo got his first winner when his first starter, Unquoio, rolled home by 2¾ lengths in a Charles Town maiden special weight Aug. 26. Second one week earlier against open company, she went off the even-money favorite in the field of seven accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies racing 4½ furlongs and led at every call.

Bred and owned by Ray Pennington and trained by Ollie Figgins, Unaquoio is out of the winning More Than Ready mare Jumelle Springs. She is one of 16 juveniles in her sire's first crop.

Gattopardo, a stakes-winning son of international champion Johannesburg, retired to Randy Funkhouser's O'Sullivan

Farms in Charles Town after a dozen career starts, in which he was third or better 10 times.

Bred and owned by Michael Ueltzen's Germania Farms, Gattopardo won his stakes debut, the 7-furlong Miracle Wood at Laurel Park, early in his 3-year-old season and in his next outing finished second in the Grade 3 Bay Shore Stakes at Aqueduct.

A four-time winner, he retired with earnings of \$147,975.

From the influential female line of C.V. Whitney's champion Silver Spoon, Gattopardo is out of Fly Till Dawn's stakes-winning daughter Senza Paura, who also produced Amerigo Vespucci, a graded stakes-placed runner of \$115,794 from

seven starts. Senza Paura is a half-sister to two-time Group 1 winner Germany.

Gattopardo's third dam, multiple stakes winner Inca Queen (out of Silver Spoon), produced graded stakes winners and sires Hail Bold King, Exile King and Metfield. Grade 1 winner Catinca is also found under his third dam.

The gray 11-year-old stood the 2016 season for \$1,500 live foal.

Ueltzen has offered special incentives to mare owners who have bred to the stallion each season.

For the crop of 2014, the breeder of the first maiden special weight winner receives a \$5,000 bonus; the breeder of Gattopardo's first stakes winner gets a \$10,000 bonus.

Juba to stand at Taylor Mountain in West Virginia

Tapit's son Juba, a multiple allowance winner of \$179,105 who has thousands of followers on Twitter, has started the next chapter of his life at the Casey family's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town, W.Va. The 5-year-old, who arrived at the farm in early September, will stand his first season in 2017 for \$1,500, or free to stakes-winning or stakes-producing mares.

Campaigned by Centennial Farms, who purchased him for \$250,000 at the Keeneland September yearling sale, Juba retires with three wins, all by daylight margins while leading

at every call at distances less than 1 mile. On the board in his only start at 2, Juba finished a length behind eventual multiple Grade 1 winner Constitution in his only start at 3 before sidelined by injury.

Centennial Farms noted on its website in early September that following the injury: "Juba's good looks, captivating personality, and a fan-created, Centennial-endorsed Twitter account surprisingly launched him into the public eye." The gray has nearly 3,500 Twitter followers, and comments are regularly posted by Juba (the Gray) using the handle @juba-colt.

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens got Juba back to the races at 4, and he recorded his first win in a 6½-furlong maiden special weight at Gulfstream Park in March 2015, scoring by 3 lengths.

Less than a month later he won by the same margin in allowance company, at 7 furlongs at Aqueduct, and followed with a fourth behind Tonalist in the Grade 3 Westchester Stakes.

The final win of Juba's career was a 6¼-length romp at Belmont Park in May 2016, getting 7 furlongs in 1:22.12.

The first son of Tapit to stand in West Virginia, Juba is

out of stakes-placed Adoradancer, a half-sister to Taylor Mountain Farm's successful sire Luftikus, a graded stakes winner of \$479,630. Adoradancer is also the dam of Saint Anddan (by A.P. Indy), who sold as a yearling at Keeneland for \$1.85 million and went on to become a graded stakes winner and graded stakes sire. Juba is from the A.P. Indy male line.

Adoradancer's daughter Jumeirah Beach (by Silver Deputy), is the dam of Japanese millionaire Ganges.

Juba's third dam is multiple Grade 1 winner Sabin. The family also includes Grade 1 winner Love Theway Youare.

Taylor Mountain's Denis of Cork gets first stakes winner

Taylor Mountain Farm's Return to Denis stepped up to stakes competition with aplomb, wearing down the frontrunning favorite T Rex Express to win the Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes by a half-length at Charles Town Aug. 27. Totally overlooked in the 7-furlong stakes restricted to accredited West Virginia-bred 3-year-old fillies, Return to Denis returned \$54.60 for the win.

Bred and trained by Taylor Mountain Farm patriarch James W. Casey, Return to Denis pushed her record to 8-3-3-1 for 2016 (she was fourth in her other start). Out of Put It Back's winning daughter Return Trick, thus a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Queen'o'daball, Return to Denis has earned \$81,050.

The filly is from the second West Virginia-sired crop of Denis of Cork, a two-time classic-placed runner who moved to the Casey family's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles

Town for the 2011 breeding season. The son of sire of sires Harlan's Holiday stood in Florida his first year, and from that crop came stakes-placed juveniles Celtic Moon (second in the Grade 2 Best Pal Stakes at Del Mar) and Brays Secret.

Denis of Cork retired to stud after a six-start career resulting in three wins, one second and one third for earnings of \$613,252. He won a Churchill Downs maiden special weight in his only start at 2, rallying eight wide in the 7-furlong test to defeat 11 others. In his first two starts at 3, he won a mile and 40-yard allowance at Fair Grounds over a sloppy track, then captured the 1-mile Southwest Stakes-G3 by a widening 2¼ lengths.

Sent postward in the Kentucky Derby-G1 and Belmont Stakes-G1, Denis of Cork hit the board in both. Allowed to go off at double-digit odds in the 20-horse Derby, he rallied to finish third behind Big Brown and Eight Belles. In



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what turned out to be his final start, Denis of Cork chased home freewheeling Da' Tara in the 1½-mile Belmont to finish a clear second.

Denis of Cork is out of Unbridled Girl, a daughter of Unbridled and stakes winner Sound Wisdom. His third dam, stakes winner Kaylem Ho (by Salem), produced six stakes horses, including Grade 1

Vanity Invitational Handicap winner Private Persuasion and stakes-winning, graded stakes-placed Wishful Splendor. Another of Kaylem Ho's stakes-performing daughters, Torchera, is the dam of Da' Tara.

The property of Taylor Mountain Farm, 11-year-old Denis of Cork stood the 2016 season for \$500 live foal.

STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2016

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.

The following statistics, compiled on September 6, reflect 2016 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./Runners	Avg./Runner	Stakes Winners
1. Jump Start (Pa)	1,263	249	949	87	116	Disco Chick (\$250,500)	\$3,575,120	35	\$14,358	5
2. Rockport Harbor (deceased)	469	138	754	78	120	Majestic Harbor (\$391,060)	2,950,764	57	21,382	3
3. Not For Love (deceased)	954	90	466	46	72	Lovable Lady (\$138,899)	1,912,293	51	21,248	3
4. Silver Train (deceased)	498	115	637	55	86	Lucabunny (\$111,528)	1,745,269	48	15,176	1
5. Limehouse (WV)	388	90	501	50	82	Lime and Tequila (\$118,480)	1,647,772	56	18,309	2
6. Fairbanks (Pa)	211	92	501	31	47	Cosmic Destiny (\$109,020)	1,384,010	34	15,044	0
7. Lord Shanakill (Pa)	126	62	297	23	36	My Dream Boat (\$679,879)	1,239,994	37	20,000	1
8. Lion Hearted (deceased)	607	73	417	30	44	Bioterp (\$92,985)	1,190,173	41	16,304	0
9. Great Notion (Md)	241	52	246	27	40	Just Jack (\$109,698)	1,136,218	52	21,850	2
10. Friesan Fire (Md)	96	52	273	25	31	Tisdale (\$107,025)	1,130,635	48	21,743	1
11. Corinthian (Pa)	478	120	653	48	67	Pancake (\$70,945)	1,044,838	40	8,707	1
12. Orientate (Md)	783	80	400	37	72	Woodland Walk (\$78,301)	1,004,062	46	12,551	2
13. Windsor Castle (WV)	295	78	457	37	59	Castle Bound (\$45,917)	973,093	47	12,476	0
14. Brother Derek (WV)	130	59	365	26	41	Copingaway (\$170,965)	960,305	44	16,276	2
15. Weigelia (Pa)	74	34	195	12	24	No More Strippers (\$114,697)	894,355	35	26,305	1
16. Charitable Man (deceased)	115	54	279	28	46	Charitable Annuity (\$92,750)	810,434	52	15,008	1
17. Petionville (Md)	712	60	307	20	28	Graves Island (\$80,857)	737,788	33	12,296	0
18. Bop (deceased)	192	51	279	28	42	Summer Frock (\$54,790)	683,878	55	13,409	0
19. Swiss Yodeler (WV)	758	44	254	25	45	Swissarella (\$92,502)	655,455	57	14,897	1
20. Louis Quatorze (Md)	976	51	271	20	25	Dothat Dance (\$68,384)	636,164	39	12,474	0
21. Talent Search (Pa)	106	50	200	15	21	Rolin With Olin (\$95,905)	627,220	30	12,544	1
22. Medallist (Pa)	193	40	203	12	18	Love Came to Town (\$80,500)	593,826	30	14,846	2
23. Scipion (Md)	123	39	240	19	30	Grandiflora (\$61,230)	586,635	49	15,042	1
24. Street Magician (Md)	80	39	177	14	18	Do What I Say (\$63,000)	574,934	36	14,742	0
25. Outflanker (Md)	531	36	173	17	25	Pinkout (\$68,360)	572,432	47	15,901	0
26. Rock Slide (Md)	275	34	192	12	21	My Son Ernie (\$69,270)	519,235	35	15,272	0
27. Fiber Sonde (WV)	120	32	132	13	26	Bullets Fever (\$104,574)	514,828	41	16,088	1
28. Rimrod (Pa)	101	24	140	13	21	Candid Cathy (\$79,780)	508,623	54	21,193	0
29. Hey Chub (NJ)	28	17	96	9	14	Chublicious (\$130,734)	477,221	53	28,072	1
30. Denis of Cork (WV)	88	38	198	16	30	Return to Denis (\$76,130)	466,067	42	12,265	1
31. Bullsbay (Pa)	46	27	128	9	11	Edisto Bay (\$88,869)	399,968	33	14,814	1
32. Don Six (NJ)	79	15	99	11	14	Don's Marsh (\$89,018)	387,595	73	25,840	0
33. Partner's Hero (Pa)	451	23	131	7	7	Two Notch Road (\$119,670)	362,013	30	15,740	1
34. Albert the Great (Pa)	379	33	177	10	12	She's Chubs (\$51,180)	353,854	30	10,723	0
35. Love of Money (deceased)	124	36	144	11	14	Love Is All (\$62,480)	342,625	31	9,517	0
36. Defrere (pensioned)	589	32	158	11	15	Maybe Tonight (\$61,008)	342,383	34	10,699	0
37. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	291	28	173	10	21	Tough Weather (\$95,006)	328,555	36	11,734	0
38. Andiron (Pa)	38	17	75	5	7	Roxbury N Overton (\$182,080)	315,460	29	18,556	1
39. During (WV)	195	20	66	5	7	Lucy N Ethel (\$241,380)	310,932	25	15,547	1
40. Peak Dancer (deceased)	90	26	162	15	19	Set'em Up Joe (\$29,346)	304,697	58	11,719	0
41. Rebellion (GB) (VA)	42	27	138	8	11	Blurrricane (\$87,896)	301,966	30	11,184	0
42. City Sharpster (Pa)	59	22	151	8	11	Diadema (\$67,631)	284,082	36	12,913	0
43. Got the Last Laugh (Pa)	44	12	65	6	12	Dixie's Last Laugh (\$67,932)	268,354	50	22,363	0
44. Two Punch (deceased)	1,104	20	125	10	14	Timmy T (\$52,860)	262,743	50	13,137	0
45. Cherokee's Boy (Md)	98	24	120	8	13	Stylish Step (\$41,730)	254,671	33	10,611	0
46. Luftikus (WV)	284	31	145	11	13	Blisstikus (\$48,656)	240,854	35	7,769	0
47. Lite the Fuse (pensioned)	548	19	84	6	8	Downhill Dale (\$50,840)	233,126	32	12,270	0
48. Showing Up (pensioned)	118	26	117	10	13	Inperson (\$30,840)	200,371	38	7,707	0
49. Real Quiet (deceased)	625	16	81	6	8	Midnight Tryst (\$69,228)	193,240	38	12,078	0
50. Cable Boy (NJ)	17	5	28	3	6	She's Hot Wired (\$149,110)	182,791	60	36,558	1
51. Real Estate (WV)	39	18	77	7	13	March Wind (\$54,780)	181,458	39	10,081	0
52. Emperor Tiberius (Pa)	12	4	22	2	4	Saratoga Jack (\$154,830)	180,690	50	45,173	1
53. Xchanger (pensioned)	55	13	84	6	10	World Changer (\$47,825)	168,843	46	12,988	0
54. Officer Rocket (GB) (WV)	20	10	60	5	9	A. P. Rocket (\$53,630)	168,475	50	16,848	0
55. More Smoke (Pa)	53	7	36	4	4	Raging Smoke (\$111,550)	165,677	57	23,668	1
56. Forest Grove (deceased)	111	19	96	9	17	Ravin About Richie (\$34,824)	160,242	47	8,434	0
57. Activist (Pa)	178	15	89	5	7	Pink Elephant (\$46,250)	153,453	33	10,230	0
58. Etched (Md)	27	17	54	3	7	Chapel of Chimes (\$81,082)	150,482	18	8,852	0
59. Go for Gin (pensioned)	401	8	57	2	3	Here's to Mike (\$75,120)	149,993	25	18,749	0
60. Park Avenue Ball (deceased)	34	7	53	4	6	Park Avenue Appeal (\$42,080)	144,495	57	20,642	0
61. Grand Reserve (WV)	47	17	79	5	9	Terian (\$34,080)	133,611	29	7,859	0
62. Mo Mon (deceased)	122	10	61	4	4	Mo Mon's Copycat (\$40,780)	131,794	40	13,179	0
63. Prospect Bay (pensioned)	286	10	34	6	8	Gentlemen Dale (\$29,820)	128,040	60	12,804	0
64. Misbah (pensioned)	29	9	55	4	4	Yasamin (\$42,700)	124,502	44	13,834	0
65. Chelsey Cat (NC)	145	14	91	9	13	Magpie Maggie (\$28,632)	123,924	64	8,852	0

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Maryland-bred

GREATBULLSOFFIRE

Strike Your Colors Stakes

\$50,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., 2-year-olds. Delaware Park, Aug. 4.

			Cee's Tizzy	Relaunch	
		Tiznow		Tizly	
			Cee's Song	Seattle Song	
	Bullsbay			Lonely Dancer	
			Lord Carson	Carson City	
		The Hess Express		Bedgay's Lady	
			Turcomedy	Turkoman	
Greatbullsoffire, b.c., 2014				Grecian Comedy	
			Elusive Quality	Gone West	
		Great Notion		Touch of Greatness	
			Evening Primrose	Dayjur	
		Great Hostess		Water Lily (Fr)	
			Vice Regent	Northern Dancer	
		Chilly Hostess		Victoria Regina	
			Impressive Lady	Impressive	
				Chilly	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16 (sw)	2	2 (1)	0	0	\$59,640 (through Aug. 4)

2016: 1st \$50,000 **Strike Your Colors S**, 5½ fur., 2-year-olds, Delaware, Aug. 4.

Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC (Md.); owned by Kathleen Willier; trained by Hamilton A. Smith.

Sire: **BULLSBAY**, b., 03, stands at Northview PA, Peach Bottom, Pa.

Dam: **GREAT HOSTESS**, b., 07, bred by Sycamore Hall Farm LLC (Md.). Unraced.

12 **San Gregoria**, b.f. by Fairbanks. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 2, \$32,051. (FTM Sept 13—\$4,200; FTM May 14—\$21,000)

13 **Table Jumper**, b.f. by Jump Start. Raced 1 year, 4 starts, 1 win at 2, \$54,140, 3rd Maryland Million Lassie S, Smart Halo S. (FTM Sept 14—\$14,000)

14 **GREATBULLSOFFIRE**, b.c. by Bullsbay. (FTM Oct 15—\$50,000)

15-16 Barren.

JOHN JONES

Mister Diz Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-breds, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Aug. 20.

John Jones, dk.b./br.g., 2012	Elusive Quality		Gone West		Mr. Prospector
	Smarty Jones		Touch of Greatness		Secrettame
				Smile	
		I'll Get Along	Dont Worry Bout Me		Ivory Wand
			Danzig		In Reality
		Polish Numbers	Numbered Account		Sunny Smile
	Chrusciki		At the Threshold		Foolish Pleasure
			Thresholdofhope	Cheery Tower	
					Northern Dancer
					Pas de Nom
					Buckpasser
					Intriguing
					Norcliffe
					Winver
					Irish Tower
					Cheery Wind
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
14	unraced				
15	7	2	1	0	\$ 76,482
16 (sw)	8	2 (1)	0	0	75,012
	15	4 (1)	1	0	\$151,494 (through Aug. 20)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **Mister Diz S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 20.

Bred by Nancy Lee Farms (Md.); owned by Matthew Schera; trained by Lacey Gaudet.

Sire: **SMARTY JONES**, ch., 01, stands at Calumet Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **CHRUSCIKI**, b., 00, bred by William L.S. Landes III (Md.). Raced 5 years, 34 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 5, \$322,828, Lady's Secret S, Conniver S, 2nd Monmouth Beach S, Alma North S, 3rd Skipat S, Northview Stallion Station S, Geisha H, Monmouth Beach S, Lighthouse S. (FTM Dec 00—\$40,000)

08 Squanto, b.c. by Forest Wildcat. Unraced.

09 Cattail Creek, dk.b./br.g. by Tale of the Cat. Raced 3 years, 23 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$55,711.

10 Citizen Chris, b.g. by Proud Citizen. Raced 4 years, 40 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, \$125,028.

11 Officer Buns, dk.b./br.f. by Officer. Raced 3 years, 25 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$131,585.

12 **JOHN JONES**, dk.b./br.g. by Smarty Jones.

13 Magic Cookie, b.f. by Street Magician. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins. \$1,470.

14 Eastern Bay, b.c. by E Dubai. Unraced.

15 C C Old Fashioned, b.c. by Old Fashioned.

16 f. by Smarty Jones.

LOVABLE LADY

Jameela Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Aug. 20.

Lovable Lady, dk.b./br.m., 2011		Mr. Prospector		Raise a Native	Native Dancer
		Not For Love		Gold Digger	Raise You
		Dance Number		Northern Dancer	Nashua
				Numbered Account	Sequence
		Notebook		Well Decorated	Nearctic
		Summer Notebook		Mobcap	Natalma
		Summer Sweetheart		Honor Grades	Buckpasser
				Summer Romance	Intriguing
					Raja Baba
					Paris Breeze
				Tom Rolfe	
				Cap and Bells	
				Danzig	
				Weekend Surprise	
				Cutlass	
				Time to Remember	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13-14	unraced				
15	6	2	1	3	\$ 90,246
16 (sw)	7	3 (1)	1	2	138,899
	13	5 (1)	2	5	\$229,145 (through Aug. 20)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **Jameela S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 20.

Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr. (Md.); owned by Samuel H. Rogers Jr. Trust; trained by Mary E. Eppler.

Sire: **NOT FOR LOVE**, b., 90 (deceased).

Dam: **SUMMER NOTEBOOK**, b., 04, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr. (Fla.). Raced 2 years, 5 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$41,740.

09 c. by Not For Love. Died 2009.

10 Lulu Quatorze, b.f. by Louis Quatorze. Unraced.

11 **LOVABLE LADY**, dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love.

13 Itemizer, ch.c. by Not For Love. Unraced. (FTM Dec 13—\$28,000; FTM Sept 14—\$25,000)

14 Barren.

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BUSTIN OUT

Eleven North Handicap

\$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., New Jersey-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, Aug. 28.

			Carson City	Mr. Prospector	
			Baby Zip	Blushing Promise	
			Prospectors Gamble	Relaunch	
			Nona's Moment	Thirty Zip	
			Citidancer	Crafty Prospector	
			Round It Off	Fannie C.	
			High Gold	Timeless Moment	
			Sizzling Skirt	No No Nona	
				Dixieland Band	
				Apalachee	
				Capp It Off	
				Mr. Prospector	
				Irish Whirl	
				Tentam	
				Pleasure Palace	
				earnings	
14	1	0	0	1	\$ 5,760
15	8	3	1	3	108,614
16 (sw)	5	3 (1)	2 (2)	0	131,838
	14	6 (1)	3 (2)	4	\$246,212 (through Aug. 28)

2016: 1st \$60,000 **Eleven North H**, 6 fur., N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 28;

2nd **Regret S, Open Mind H**.

Bred by Dianne Boyken (N.J.); owned by Joseph and Gayle Iola; trained by Chuck Spina.

Sire: **BUSTIN STONES**, ch., 04, stands at Waldorf Farm, North Chatham, N.Y.

Dam: **DISCO SHAKER**, dk.b./br., 03, bred by Dianne Boyken and Amy Bondon-Petz (N.J.). Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$134,255.

10 **OAK BLUFFS**, b.g. by Defrere. Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 11 wins, 3 to 6, \$275,356, My Frenchman S, 3rd Dan Horn H.

11 Jackie's Disco, dk.b./br.f. by Mo Mon. Raced 3 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 5, \$66,558.

12 **BUSTIN OUT**, dk.b./br.f. by Bustin Stones.

13 Lucy Tornado, dk.b./br.f. by Iron Deputy. Unraced.

14-15 Barren.

16 f. by Bustin Stones.

CHUBLICIOUS

New Jersey Breeders Handicap

\$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, Aug. 28.

			Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Hey Chub	Blushing Promise	Gold Digger
			Donna Doo	Spend a Buck	Blushing Groom (Fr)
				Nasty Affair	Summertime Promise
				Kris S.	Buckaroo
				Aurora	Belle de Jour
				Broad Brush	Nasty and Bold
				Lilya's for Real	L'Affaire
					Roberto
					Sharp Queen
					Danzig
					Althea
					Ack Ack
					Hay Patcher
					In Reality
					Mousam River
					earnings
13	unraced				
14	6	3	1	1	\$ 88,136
15	6	2	1	1	80,644
16 (sw)	4	3 (3)	0	0	130,734
	16	8 (3)	2	2	\$299,514 (through Aug. 28)

2016: 1st \$60,000 **John J. Reilly H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 28; \$75,000 **Mr. Prospector S** (plus \$18,000 N.J.-bred enhancement), 6 fur., 3 & up, Monmouth, June 26; \$60,000 **New Jersey Breeders H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 28.

Bred by Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.); owned by David Gruskos; trained by Jorge Navarro.

Sire: **HEY CHUB**, b., 00, stands at Joe-Dan Farm, Medford, N.J.

Dam: **SASSY BROAD**, b., 01, bred by Nursery Place and Partners (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$9,080. (Kee Sept 02—\$100,000; FTK Feb 09—\$12,000 in foal to Lion Heart)

07 Zipstress, b.f. by City Zip. Raced 5 years, 26 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 5, \$36,835.

08 Shimmy Tinjo, b.g. by Langfuhr. Raced 6 years, 41 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 7, \$171,917.

09 Taken the Plunge, b.f. by Lion Heart. Unraced.

10 Slipped.

11 **CHUBLICIOUS**, b.g. by Hey Chub.

12 Brother Chub, dk.b./br.g. by Hey Chub. Raced 2 years, 18 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$67,681.

13 Chub Scout, b.c. by Hey Chub. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$6,300.

14 Sassy Chub, b.f. by Hey Chub. Unraced.

16 c. by Hey Chub.

JERSEY BLUES

Charles Hesse III Handicap

\$60,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, Aug. 28.

			Unbridled	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector
			Eddington	Gana Facil	Killaloe
			Fashion Star	Chief's Crown	*Le Fabuleux
				Miss Ivor	Charedi
				Phone Trick	Danzig
				Plagiarizing	Six Crowns
				Well Decorated	Sir Ivor
				Crafty Queen	Sandy Blue
					Clever Trick
					Over the Phone
					*Ramsinga
					Copying
					Raja Baba
					Paris Breeze
					Exploident
					Encore d'Or
					earnings
13-14	unraced				
15	8	2	1	1	\$ 68,650
16 (sw)	4	2 (1)	0	1	69,484
	12	4 (1)	1	2	\$138,134 (through Aug. 28)

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2016: 1st \$60,000 **Charles Hesse III H**, 1½ mi., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 28.

Bred and owned by Holly Crest Farm (N.J.); trained by John F. Mazza.

Sire: **EDDINGTON**, ch., 01, stands at Ballena Vista Farm, Ramona, Calif.

Dam: **SINFUL SEDUCTION**, b., 95, bred by Johnson Hollow Farm and Volar Corp. (Fla.). Unraced. (OBS Aug 96—\$42,000; OBS April 96—\$50,000)

99 Hold the Phone, b.f. by Hansel. Raced 2 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$12,443. (OBS April 01—\$11,000)

01 b.f. by Tactical Advantage. Died 2002.

02 Sinful Tactics, b.g. by Tactical Advantage. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$45,527.

03 **Road Track's Joy**, ch.f. by Tactical Advantage. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$68,122, 3rd Catcharisingstar S. (OBS Jan 05—\$2,500; OBS June 05—\$22,000; Kee Jan 07—\$13,000)

04 Slew Seduction, gr./ro.c. by Slew Gin Fizz. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$5,010.

05 Precocious Pet, gr./ro.f. by Slew Gin Fizz. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$1,670. Producer.

06 Have One More, dk.b./br.g. by Slew Gin Fizz. Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 3, \$28,000.

07 Crafty's Last Call, ch.g. by Crafty Prospector. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$3,845.

08 Sinners Way, dk.b./br.f. by Hit the Trail. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$400.

09 Barren.

10 Silver Bullet City, ch.c. by City Zip. Raced 2 years, 3 starts, 1 win at 5, \$34,800.

11 **JERSEY BLUES**, ch.g. by Eddington.

12 Stevens in Trouble, dk.b./br.f. by Stephen Got Even. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 4, 0 wins, \$9,145.

Pennsylvania-bred

EDGE OF REALITY

Robellino Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi., turf, registered Pennsylvania-breds, 3 & up. Penn National, Aug. 6.

	Langfuhr	Danzig	Northern Dancer
		Sweet Briar Too	Pas de Nom
Lawyer Ron			Briartic
		Lord Avie	Prima Babu Gum
Donation			Lord Gaylord
		Reddy Change	Avie
Edge of Reality , dk.b./br.g., 2010			Mr. Redoy
		Deputy Minister	Coin Changer
Touch Gold			Vice Regent
		Passing Mood	Mint Copy
Our Nancy Lee			Buckpasser
		Notebook	Cool Mood
Scratch Paper			Well Decorated
		Deluxe Flight	Mobcap
			Crozier
			Heavenly Flight

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12	unraced				
13 (sw)	10	4 (1)	1	1 (1)	\$367,695
14 (sw)	7	2 (2)	0	0	115,610
15 (sw)	8	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	68,855
16 (sw)	5	1 (1)	0	1	88,460
	30	8 (5)	2 (1)	1 (1)	\$640,620 (through Aug. 6)

2013: 1st \$350,000 **Smarty Jones S-G3**, 1 mi. and 70 yds., 3-year-olds, Parx, Sept 2; 3rd **Curlin S**. **2014:** 1st \$75,000 **Leematt S**, 1 mi., registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Presque Isle, July 13; \$100,000 **Alphabet Soup H**, 1½ mi., turf, registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 20. **2015:** 1st \$75,000 **Turning for Home S**, 1 mi. and 70 yds., 3 & up, Parx, June 27; 2nd **Santana Mile S**. **2016:** 1st \$100,000 **Robellino S**, 1½ mi., turf, registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Penn National, Aug. 6.

Bred and owned by The Elkstone Group LLC (Pa.); trained by H. Graham Motion.

Sire: **LAWYER RON**, ch., 03 (deceased).

Dam: **OUR NANCY LEE**, dk.b./br., 00, bred by BryLynn Farm Inc. (Fla.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 2, \$53,730. (FTK Nov 03—\$35,000 in foal to Peaks and Valleys)

04 Road to Richmond, dk.b./br.c. by Peaks and Valleys. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$39,935.

06 Governor Jack, dk.b./br.g. by Sky Mesa. Raced 5 years, 29 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$101,435.

07 V P Joe, dk.b./br.g. by Sky Mesa. Raced 3 years, 21 starts, 3 wins at 2, 4 and 5, \$34,950.

09 Scat Patty, dk.b./br.f. by Scat Daddy. Raced 1 year, 7 starts, 1 win at 4, \$25,400. (Kee Nov 09—\$220,000)

10 **EDGE OF REALITY**, dk.b./br.g. by Lawyer Ron. (Kee Sept 11—\$85,000)

11 **Cosmic Emergency**, dk.b./br.f. by Any Given Saturday. Raced 2 years, 13 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$99,573, 3rd Mark McDermott S.

LUCABUNNY

Malvern Rose Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old fillies. Presque Isle Downs, Aug. 7.

			A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	
	Old Trieste		Lovlier Linda	Weekend Surprise	
				Vigors	
	Silver Train		Cormorant	Linda Summers	
				His Majesty	
	Ridden in Thestars		Shelter Strait	Song Sparrow	
				Far North	
Lucabunny , ch.f., 2013			Deputy Minister	Illustrative	
	Touch Gold			Vice Regent	
			Passing Mood	Mint Copy	
	Record High			Buckpasser	
			Smart Strike	Cool Mood	
	Slumber Party			Mr. Prospector	
			Just Us Girls	Classy 'n Smart	
				Stage Door Johnny	
				Barbara's Reason	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	1	0	0	0	\$ 0
16 (sw)	7	2 (1)	2	1	110,078
	8	2 (1)	2	1	\$110,078 (through Aug. 7)

2016: 1st \$100,000 **Malvern Rose S**, 1 mi., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Presque Isle, Aug. 7.

Bred by Gunpowder Farms LLC (Pa.); owned by Tuozzo Racing LLC; trained by Nick Joseph Caruso.

Sire: **SILVER TRAIN**, dk.b./br., 02 (deceased).

Dam: **RECORD HIGH**, b., 06, bred by Adena Springs (Ont.). Raced 5 years, 44 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 6, \$150,180. (Adn Spr March 08—\$60,000; FTM Dec 12—\$8,000 in foal to Silver Train)

13 **LUCABUNNY**, ch.f. by Silver Train.

14 Monongahela, b.c. by K One King. Unraced.

15 ch.f. by Pleasantly Perfect.

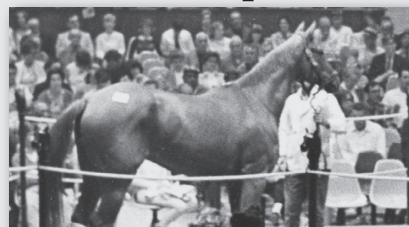
16 Barren.

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	Johannesburg	Hennessy	Storm Cat		
	Scat Daddy	Myth	Island Kitty		
	Love Style	Mr. Prospector	Ogygian		
Mister Nifty , dk.b./br.c., 2013		Likeable Style	Yarn		
	Bernardini	A.P. Indy	Raise a Native		
	Walking Path	Cara Rafaela	Gold Digger		
	Flowers and Vines	Blushing John	Nijinsky II		
		Lilac Garden	Personable Lady		
			Seattle Slew		
15	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
	1	0	0	1	\$ 4,070
16 (sw)	7	4 (1)	1	1	115,800
	8	4 (1)	1	2	\$119,870 (through Aug. 24)

2016: 1st \$50,000 **Grover Buddy Delp Memorial S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3-year-olds, Delaware, Aug. 24.

Bred and owned by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (Pa.); trained by Keith Nations.

Sire: **SCAT DADDY**, dk.b./br., 04 (deceased).

Dam: **WALKING PATH**, b., 09, bred by Darley (Ky.). Unraced. (Kee Jan 12—\$12,000; Kee Nov 12—\$100,000 in foal to Scat Daddy)

13 **MISTER NOTTY**, dk.b./br.c. by Scat Daddy.

14 Oh No, b.f. by Pioneer of the Nile. Unraced.

15 ch.f. by Dunkirk.

	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	Fappiano		
	Fiber Sonde	Trolley Song	Gana Facil		
	Silken Cat	Storm Cat	Caro (Ire)		
Bullets Fever , gr./ro.c., 2013		Silken Doll	Lucky Spell		
	Indian Charlie	In Excess (Ire)	Storm Bird		
	Ghost Canyon	Soviet Sojourn	Terlingua		
	Britthadif	Hadif	Chieftain		
		Britt's Honor	Insilca		
			Siberian Express		
15 (sw)	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
	3	3 (2)	0	0	\$ 88,425
16 (sw)	4	4 (2)	0	0	104,574
	7	7 (4)	0	0	\$192,999 (through Aug. 6)

2015: 1st \$60,000 **W.Va. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S**, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ fur., registered

accredited W.Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Oct. 10; \$50,000 **Tri-State Futurity**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds foaled in Md., Va. or W.Va., Charles Town, Oct. 31.

2016: 1st \$50,000 **Coin Collector S**, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-olds, Charles Town, April 23; \$50,000 **Robert G. Leavitt S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-olds, Charles Town, Aug. 6.

Bred by John D. McKee (W.Va.); owned by David M. Raim; trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **FIBER SONDE**, gr./ro., 05, stands at Beau Ridge Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **GHOST CANYON**, b., 04, bred by Larry Brumbaugh (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 7 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$63,776, 2nd HPA Horsemen's S. (Kee Jan 07—\$3,200)

09 Barren.

10 **HIDDEN CANYON**, b.g. by Fiber Sonde. Raced 4 years, 14 starts, 9 wins, 2 to 5, \$313,695, W.Va. Lottery Breeders Classic S, Robert G. Leavitt Memorial S, 2nd West Virginia Breeders Classic S, Wild and Wonderful S, Henry Mercer Memorial S, Frank Gall Memorial S.

11 On Ghosts Wings, dk.b./br.f. by On Eagles Wings. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, \$24,900.

12 Barren.

13 **BULLETS FEVER**, gr./ro.c. by Fiber Sonde.

14 Wizards Fever, dk.b./br.f. by Fiber Sonde. Unraced.

15 dk.b./br.f. by Fiber Sonde.

16 b.f. by Fiber Sonde.

West Virginia-bred

BULLETS FEVER

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IN THE FAIRWAY

Northern Panhandle Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up.
Mountaineer, Aug. 6.

					Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
						Mint Copy
	Silver Deputy				Silver Valley	Mr. Prospector
Posse						Seven Valleys
					Rahy	Blushing Groom (Fr)
	Raska					Glorious Song
					Borishka	Roberto
In the Fairway, b.g., 2010						Queen Maud
					Forty Niner	Mr. Prospector
	End Sweep					File
					Broom Dance	Dance Spell
Royal Sweep						Witching Hour
					Banner Bob	Herculean
	Regal Pennant					Senorita Bolinas
					Regal Relation	*Kamaraan II
						Regal Tad
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		earnings
12 (sw)	5	4 (3)	0	0		\$126,811
13 (sw)	10	5 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)		136,034
14 (sw)	7	1 (1)	4 (1)	0		70,869
15	11	0	3	2 (1)		34,275
16 (sw)	5	3 (2)	2	0		118,480
	38	13 (9)	10 (2)	3 (2)		\$486,469 (through Aug. 6)

2012: 1st \$50,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old colts and geldings, Charles Town, Sept. 22; \$85,000 **W.Va. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Oct. 20; \$50,000 **Tri-State Futurity**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds foaled in Maryland, Virginia or West Virginia, Charles Town, Nov. 10. **2013:** 1st \$50,000 **Coin Collector S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-olds, Charles Town, June 29; \$65,000 **WVTBA "Onion Juice" Breeders Classic S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 19; \$35,000 **Thanksgiving H**, 7 fur., 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 27; 2nd **Robert G. Leavitt Memorial S**; 3rd **It's Only Money S**. **2014:** 1st \$50,000 **Confucius Say S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, April 19; 2nd **WVTBA "Onion Juice" Breeders Classic S**. **2015:** 3rd **Confucius Say S**. **2016:** 1st \$50,000 **Confucius Say S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, April 23; \$100,000 **Northern Panhandle S**, 6 fur., accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Mountaineer, Aug. 6.

Bred and owned by Coleswood Farm Inc. (W.Va.); trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **POSSE**, b., 00, stands at Rockridge Stud, Hudson, N.Y.

Dam: **ROYAL SWEEP**, b., 00, bred by Craig and Cathy Beam (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 5 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$6,300. (Kee Sept 01—\$305,000; Kee Nov 03—\$95,000 in foal to Albert the Great; Kee Nov 05—\$310,000 in foal to Speightstown; Kee Nov 08—\$26,000 in foal to Discreet Cat; Kee Jan 12—\$4,700 in foal to Dunkirk; Stem Jan Mixed 13—\$4,200 in foal to Lion Tamer)
04 Tift, dk.b./br.g. by Albert the Great. Raced 3 years, 38 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$64,134.
05 Tessitura, b.f. by Unbridled's Song. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$12,957. (Kee Nov 05—\$260,000; Kee Sept 06—\$350,000; Kee Jan 09—\$18,000) Producer.
06 Run Carly Run, b.f. by Speightstown. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$51,715. (Kee Sept 07—\$30,000) Producer.
07 Vitamin C, dk.b./br.g. by Vindication. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 3, \$5,170. (Kee Sept 08—\$30,000)
08 Barren.
09 Discreto, b.c. by Discreet Cat. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 3, \$16,250. (Kee Nov 09—\$55,000; Kee Sept 10—\$80,000; OBS April 11—\$35,000)
10 **IN THE FAIRWAY**, b.g. by Posse.
11 Barren.
12 Sugar Cane Royalty, b.f. by Dunkirk. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$23,985. (OBS Oct 12—\$17,000; OBS Aug 13—\$77,000; Bar March 14—\$62,000)
13 Lip Service, b.g. by Lion Tamer. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$29,170. (BSC Sept 14—\$13,000)
14 Im a Royal Tamer, b.f. by Lion Tamer. (Equine LA May 16—\$4,000)
15 Barren.
16 c. by Neko Bay.

RETURN TO DENIS

Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes

\$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 3-year-old fillies.
Charles Town, Aug. 27.

			Harlan		Storm Cat
		Harlan's Holiday			Country Romance
			Christmas in Aiken		Affirmed
	Denis of Cork				Dowager
		Unbridled Girl	Unbridled		Fappiano
			Sound Wisdom		Gana Facil
Return to Denis,	b.f., 2013				Pirate's Bounty
			Honour and Glory		Kaylem Ho
		Put It Back			Relaunch
			Miss Shoplifter		Fair to All
	Return Trick				Exuberant
			Clever Trick		Articulate Robbery
		Great Trick			Iccapade
			Great Light		Kankakee Miss
					Rube the Great
					Light Face
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	2	0	0	2	\$ 4,920
16 (sw)	8	3 (1)	3	1	76,130
	10	3 (1)	3	3	\$81,050 (through Aug. 27)

2016: 1st \$50,000 **Sylvia Bishop Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Aug. 27

Bred and trained by James W. Casey (W.Va.); owned by Taylor Mountain Farm LLC.

Sire: **DENIS OF CORK**, b., 05, stands at Taylor Mountain Farm LLC, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **RETURN TRICK**, ch., 03, bred by Arthur I. Appleton (Fla.). Raced 3 years, 22 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$87,140.

09 Thiscouldbetricky, ch.f. by Windsor Castle. Raced 2 years, 17 starts, 1 win at 3, \$13,770.

10 **QUEEN O'DABALL**, ch.f. by Windsor Castle. Raced 4 years, 26 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$201,901, West Virginia Futurity, Eleanor Casey Memorial S, 2nd West Virginia Breeders Classic Distaff S, 3rd Original Gold S, Tri-State Futurity.

11 Return to Windsor, b.f. by Windsor Castle. Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, \$46,087.

12 Barren.

13 **RETURN TO DENIS**, b.f. by Denis of Cork.

14 Tricky Windsor, ch.f. by Windsor Castle. Unraced.

15 ch.f. by Denis of Cork.

16 ch.f. by Windsor Castle.

SPA CREEK

Hancock County Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., accredited West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Mountaineer, Aug. 6.

			Mr. Prospector		Raise a Native
					Gold Digger
	Two Punch				*Grey Dawn II
	Smoke Glacken		Heavenly Cause		Lady Dulcinea
			Magisterial		Northern Dancer
	Majesty's Crown				Courting Days
			Queen's Crown		King Emperor
Spa Creek, b.m., 2010					Turn Capp
			Nijinsky II		Northern Dancer
	Sky Classic				Flaming Page
			No Class		Nodouble
	Rutledge Dancer				Classy Quillo
			Affirmed		Exclusive Native
	Look Who's Dancing				Won't Tell You
			Princess Ivor		Sir Ivor
					Hilo Girl
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12	1	0	0	0	\$ 780
13	9	2	3	2	55,500
14	9	3	4 (1)	0	84,422
15 (sw)	3	2 (1)	1 (1)	0	60,330
16 (sw)	4	1 (1)	2	0	69,600
	26	8 (2)	10 (2)	2	\$270,632 (through Aug. 6)

2014: 2nd **W.Va. Breeders Classic Distaff S**. **2015:** 1st \$70,000 **W.Va. Breeders Classic Distaff S**, 1½ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 10; 2nd **My Sister Pearl S**. **2016:** 1st \$100,000 **Hancock County S**, 6 fur., accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Mountaineer, Aug. 6.

Bred by Rutledge Farm (W.Va.); owned by Coleswood Farm Inc. and David Raim; trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **SMOKE GLACKEN**, gr./ro., 94 (deceased).

Dam: **RUTLEDGE DANCER**, b., 99, bred by Rutledge Farm (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 3, \$46,677.

05 Rutledge Classic, b.g. by Pleasant Tap. Raced 3 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, \$11,310.

06 Rutledge Prince, gr./ro.c. by Tapit. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 3 wins, 3 to 5, \$77,590.

07 Killarney Mist, b.f. by Orientate. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$24,044. (Kee Sept 08—\$4,000)

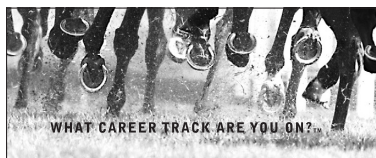
08 Redman's Hatch, ch.c. by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). Raced 2 years, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$24,220.

09 c. by Smoke Glacken. Died 2010.

10 **SPA CREEK**, b.f. by Smoke Glacken.

11 Uncle John, dk.b./br.g. by Rutledge Cat. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 5, 0 wins, \$398.

12 Dead foal.



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In Memoriam

KENT BAKER

Longtime *Baltimore Sun* sportswriter Kent Baker died Aug. 28 of lung cancer. The Abingdon, Md., resident was 73.

Baker covered an array of sports for more than four decades, everything from the Baltimore Colts to high school games, timber races to the classics. Tall and lanky, donning a sports coat, hat tipped back and a cigarette in hand, Baker looked the part of the quintessential reporter. He was a regular in the Maryland track press boxes for decades, and his final column before his retirement as a freelance writer in 2013 was covering Maryland's Grand National timber races.

Born and raised in Sharpsburg, Md., and a graduate of Boonsboro High School, Baker earned a bachelor's degree in 1964 from what is now Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

His newspaper career began in the sports department of the *Herald-Mail* in Hagerstown, Md. The Vietnam veteran—he served two years when drafted into the Army in 1966—returned to the *Herald-Mail* before being hired by Bob Maisel, former *Sun* sports editor and columnist, in 1970. “Kent came off a small paper with a three-man sports department,” Maisel recalled for Frederick N. Rasmussen of the *Baltimore Sun*. “I wound up hiring all of them. He was just a damn good newspaper guy.” Baker stayed with the *Sun* until retiring in 2007, and the next year became a member of the Preakness media relations team, providing wagering analysis for the Black-Eyed Susan and Preakness day cards until 2015.

In addition to writing more than 8,000 articles during his career, Baker penned the book *Thoroughbred Racing*, geared to young adult readers, which was published in September 2001.

ED BARNEY

New Jersey breeder/owner/trainer Ed Barney, 88, a fixture on Monmouth Park's backstretch for 69 years, died Aug. 13.

Barney and his wife Ramona, who passed away in September 2014 at 86, owned and operated Tourelay Farm in Colts Neck, N.J., since 1971. The Barneys bred and trained their own runners, and also operated a lead pony business at Monmouth Park.

Known as “Barney” around the track, and beyond—“even my wife calls me Barney,” he said in an interview in 2013, the octogenarian remained active until his death, winning with his final starter, Easy Landing, Aug. 6 at Monmouth. The 6-year-old mare, a daughter of Mo Mon who was

recording her first career win, was a third-generation homebred, descending from one of the Barneys' foundation mares, Joves Mark.

The Barneys' stable of recent runners included a number of descendants of Joves Mark, including stakes winner Sierra Ancha, who captured the 2013 Charles Hesse III Handicap. The Mo Mon gelding, out of stakes-placed Cowboy Chili (by Evening Kris), was a fourth-generation homebred (his dam, granddam and great-granddam, the latter named Sierra Ancha, were also winners). Cowboy Chili produced a filly in 2015 by Private Interview for Barney. Easy Landing's dam, Yarnell Hill (by Pappa Riccio), produced Cable Boy fillies in 2015 and 2016 for the breeder.

“The majority of the horses [the Barneys] bred were not only foaled in New Jersey but were by New Jersey stallions,” the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey posted Aug. 18 on Facebook. “Ed's contributions to the equine industry in New Jersey will be missed.”

Barney was presented the Virgil “Buddy” Raines Award by Monmouth prior to the opening of this year's meet. The Raines Award honors men and women who have demonstrated a continuing commitment to the sport of Thoroughbred racing as an owner or trainer, and whose conduct has been exemplary for professionalism, integrity and service to the sport.

TOMMY LEE

Thomas “Tommy” Lee, former leading rider and Maryland Jockey Club clerk of scales, died Aug. 3, less than a month shy of his 80th birthday.

Lee was born in Canton, China, to Chinese parents who had immigrated to the U.S. years before his birth (he was born while his mother was on a trip back to Canton). He grew up in Ocean City, N.J., where his father had a bakery and restaurant business.

When Lee turned 18, he got a jockey's license and rode his first race in June 1956 at Delaware Park. Within five years he was the leading rider at Laurel, Pimlico and Delaware Park. He won more than 1,500 races over 20 years before a starting gate accident at Bowie in July 1977, resulting in a crushed pelvis, forced an end to his riding career (an attempted comeback ended in June 1979). Among notable scores were those aboard Bold Queen in the 1964 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes; Cedar Key (1963), Flag (1965) and Knightly Manner (1966) in the Dixie Handicap; and Double Heritage (1963) and Sarre Green (1974) in the Gallorette Handicap.

During his riding career, Lee owned 165-acre Ridgelee Farm in Finksburg, Md. He lived in his later years in Millsboro, Del.

Among Lee's survivors are his companion, Sharon Markward, and son, Daniel Thomas Lee.

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Pride Day II deemed a success, sign of things to come

By Joe Clancy

If you're reading this, you know the impact of Ben's Cat on Maryland's Thoroughbred industry. The 10-year-old Maryland-bred is in his seventh season on the track and boasts 32 wins from 59 starts (through Sept. 15 anyway) with \$2,640,282 earned. But did you know he's also a key driver of betting handle?

The fact came to light at the second annual Maryland Pride Day at Laurel Park Aug. 20 when a full card of races restricted to Maryland-bred and Maryland-sired horses produced a strong \$2.86 million in total handle. The number was slightly off last year's figure of more than \$3 million—including about \$300,000 bet on Ben's Cat to show. That big bettor didn't show this year, though he or she would have cashed as Ben's Cat finished third in the Mister Diz.

"You can't predict when that will happen," said the Maryland Jockey Club's Sal Sinatra with a laugh. "I made his race the feature, I was playing off Ben because you almost have to given who he is and what he means to people. You've got to love him."

Big bettor or no big bettor, Sinatra was happy with the day—a joint venture between the track, the Maryland Horse

Breeders Association and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. This year's card featured 11 races worth \$475,000 and lured 109 horses to follow up on similar success in 2015.

The day helped close out Laurel's summer meet and anchor August's promotional options at the track.

"We're looking to do a big day every month or every other month," said Sinatra. "August was a new month [for Laurel] this year and that day anchored the month for us. It was a natural. We're fortunate in Maryland, because we've got very loyal people. They show up. Credit the Maryland fans."

Also credit a collaborative effort designed to produce a meaningful racing day. The budget for Maryland Pride Day is shared, with purses coming from the Maryland Bred Fund, the horsemen's purse account and the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. Laurel pays to market the event, and handle helps seed the purse account and the bred fund.

All 11 races were won by Maryland-breds, with Maryland sires Lion Hearted, Louis Quatorze, Not For Love and

Dance With Ravens also represented by winners.

"For me, it's an example of how much success can come from a cooperative effort in Maryland," said Willie White, MHBA president. "When it came time to fund it, we all went in a room—a couple guys from the breeders, a couple guys from Jockey Club, a couple guys from MTHA, and we decided how it would work. The result is one of the best days in Maryland racing."

Pride Day serves several purposes.

- It can be a preview of sorts to this month's Maryland Million card, which showcases Maryland-sired horses.

- It can provide racing opportunities for Maryland-bred and -sired horses, who otherwise have to compete in an ever-deeper pool at the Maryland tracks.

- It can give the Maryland Jockey Club another promotional tool, along the lines of the day of Virginia-bred races, Mid-Atlantic Day, Maryland Million, the proposed return of the international turf festival and the Preakness.

For breeders and stallion owners, there's no doubting the impact. Maryland does not offer widespread restrict-



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Cathryn Sophia joins illustrious list with romp in Cotillion prep



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The inaugural running of the \$150,000 Princess of Sylmar Stakes at Parx Racing Sept. 3, a prep for the track's \$1 million Grade 1 Cotillion Stakes three weeks later, lured Maryland-bred Cathryn Sophia, one of the top 3-year-old fillies in the nation. The daughter of Street Boss trained by John Servis coasted to a 6½-length victory in the 1-mile stakes. It was her sixth win in eight lifetime starts.

Bred by Bob Manfuso and purchased by Chuck Zacney for \$30,000 out of the Chance-land Farm consignment at the

2014 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearlings sale, Cathryn Sophia pushed her earnings to \$1,019,720 this year—becoming the third Maryland-bred in history to earn in excess of \$1 million as a 3-year-old. Counting two starts as a juvenile, she has earned \$1,109,720 overall.

Broad Brush, a seven-time stakes winner his sophomore season, and his son Concern, winner of the 1994 Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, are the other millionaires on the list.

Cathryn Sophia moved to 19th on the list of all-time Maryland-bred earners.

Maryland Pride Day *continued from page 1*

ed races the way New York does, but can begin to create those opportunities through programs like this.

"Some serious horses are coming to Laurel to race because the purse structure is so good, and that's great," said White, also an owner and breeder. "But it's become tougher and tougher to win a race in Maryland. Some restricted races provide us some opportunities. We're all about supporting Maryland racing."

MHBA executive director Cricket Goodall echoed White's sentiment.

"The hope is that the track is going to embrace it and grow it into an event, a lead-in to Maryland Million," she said. "That's the intent and they beefed up their promotion a little, and I hope it continues to grow. It's a good example of collaboration between the breeders, the horsemen and the track to create something people can enjoy."

In addition to the racing, MHBA hosted a Sales 101 seminar at Laurel on Maryland Pride Day. Geared toward newcomers to racing,

the introductory seminar focused on yearling sales and featured Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett, consignors Bill Reightler and Andrew Motion and bloodstock agent Patrick Lawley-Wakelin. A follow-up seminar was planned for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale.

Sinatra loves the togetherness, the support at the entry box and the end result of more people at the track and a larger wagering handle. He also preaches caution as the state's racing industry continues to advance with the help of purse and breeder/stallion enhancements from slots revenue.

"It seems like the Maryland-sired growth is a little bit behind the Maryland-bred program's and I understand why," he said. "The sires are going to come back, but it might take a little longer. My concern, looking down the road a little bit, is that a Maryland-bred day might overshadow a Maryland-sired day. We just need to be aware of that."

Maryland's Best



Jim McCue

Maryland's Best, a member of the second crop of foals bred by the University of Maryland's equine studies program, became the second winner from as many starters for the program when he scored at Laurel Park Sept. 10. The 2-year-old son of Rock Slide owned and trained by Javier Contreras was prominent throughout the 5½ furlongs, took the lead midway around the turn and won by 1¼ lengths. Out of the Salem Drive mare The Best Sister, Maryland's Best is one of four foals born on the university's campus in 2012 and 2013. The other starter, Diamondback Fire, broke his maiden at Timonium in 2015.



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MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS

John Jones



Mister Diz Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-breds, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Aug. 20.

Dk.b./br.g., 2012, by Smarty Jones—Chrusciki, by Polish Numbers. Bred by Nancy Lee Farms; owned by Matthew Schera; trained by Lacey Gaudet. Foaled at Willowdale Farm, Butler, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	4 (1)	1	0	\$151,494
				(through Aug. 20)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **Mister Diz S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 20.

Victor Frenkil and his late wife Nancy were very fond of Smarty Jones. "In fact we went up to watch him win the Triple Crown, which of course he lost," recounts the 79-year-old Maryland breeder/owner. It only seemed natural when the popular champion moved to Pennsylvania for the 2011 breeding season, the Frenkils would send him a mare.

They sent one of their best, stakes-winning Polish Numbers daughter Chrusciki. The result was John Jones, upset winner of the Mister Diz Stakes at Laurel on Maryland Pride Day, Aug. 20, over six-time Mister Diz winner Ben's Cat.

Unfortunately for Frenkil, John Jones was making his 15th lifetime start for new connections, having been claimed by trainer Lacey Gaudet for Matthew Schera for \$25,000.

"We had raced him for \$25,000 [he was fifth, beaten more than 6 lengths] in his previous race, and it looked like a good race to run him back," said Frenkil of the July 17 claimer at Laurel Park.

In the name of Nancy Lee Farms, Frenkil breeds to race, and regularly makes auction purchases to add to his stable.

The Frenkils purchased Chrusciki—named for a Polish

bowtie cookie—for \$40,000 as a weanling at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale in 2000.

Frenkil still has about seven horses in training, most with Ferris Allen and a few with Tim Keefe, including John Jones' 5-year-old half-sister Officer Buns, an allowance winner of \$131,585 by Officer. He bred Chrusciki back to Smarty Jones in 2015 and she produced a filly this past May. She visited Seville (Ger) this year.

"My wife was the brains of the outfit," said Frenkil of Nancy, who died in July 2012. "I keep it going because of her, but she was the brains." He admits that he was going to cut back at his Glyndon farm after her death, "but it's gotten worse," he laughed, adding "she's the one who kept it in control."

Lovable Lady



Jameela Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., turf, registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Aug. 20.

Dk.b./br.m., 2011, by Not For Love—Summer Notebook, by Notebook. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr.; owned by Samuel H. Rogers Jr. Trust; trained by Mary E. Eppler. Foaled at Murmur Farm, Darlington, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	5 (1)	2	5	\$229,145
				(through Aug. 20)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **Jameela S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 20.

Virginians Samuel and Carolyn Rogers bred, raced and sold more than 50 stakes winners over the decades off their White Oaks Farm in Leesburg. Together for 68 years, the couple turned out such gems as Sharp Cat and Summer Guest.

Sam Rogers passed away in October 2015 at 93. Less



Lovable Lady, representing three generations of the late Samuel and Carolyn Rogers' breeding program, won the Jameela Stakes.



Victor Frenkil and his late wife Nancy bred Mister Diz Stakes winner John Jones in the name of Nancy Lee Farms.

than four months later, on Valentine's Day, the active 88-year-old Carolyn died unexpectedly, one day after witnessing one more White Oaks winner.

The Rogers' filly Lovable Lady recorded her third career victory Feb. 13 at Laurel. The daughter of Not For Love, a third-generation homebred, continues to add to the Rogers' legacy, most recently winning her stakes debut, the Jameela at Laurel Park on Maryland Pride Day, Aug. 20.

Foaled in Maryland at Murmur Farm in Darlington, Lovable Lady is the second of three foals out of Summer Notebook, a daughter of Notebook who was a two-time winner in five starts.

A June foal, Lovable Lady didn't get to the races until January of her 4-year-old sea-

son. Trained throughout her career by Mary Eppler, the dark bay won at first asking, a 6-furlong maiden special weight at Laurel Park.

Lovable Lady has been a mark of consistency ever since: 5-2-5 in 13 starts, for earnings of \$229,145.

Coming into the Jameela off a 6-furlong allowance win on the main track at Pimlico June 18, she was overlooked while making her second start on the turf. Sent off as the fifth choice, at 10-1, in the 11-horse field, she tracked a couple of lengths off longshot leader Deliver Me before making a sweeping move around the turn and powering down the stretch. She reeled in favorite Everything Lovely to win the 6-furlong test by a half-length.

State Fair Hunter Breeder Show

As part of a long tradition, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association again sponsored the Maryland State Fair's Hunter Breeder Show at Timonium Aug. 30. Jay Williamson enjoyed a big day with his Thoroughbreds, who went home with several blue ribbons. His mare Parade of Colors (below left photo) was the Grand Champion Thoroughbred and the top Maryland-bred at the show. The mare's yearling colt Parade of Freedom (by Freedom Child) won his class and the Junior Thoroughbred Championship. The mare's 2016 foal, Tri Try Colors (by Tritap) won the Thoroughbred foal class and was the Reserve Junior Thoroughbred Champion. Together, they won the Thoroughbred produce of dam class (top photo). Shown by owner Kris Morris, Prime Time (below right photo) won the Non-Thoroughbred Grand Championship. MHBA executive director Cricket Goodall made the presentations.



Barrie B. Reighner (3)



State Fair Thoroughbred Show



Anne Litz (3)

Also sponsored by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, the fair's Thoroughbred Alliance Horse Show Series featured classes for Thoroughbreds. Acquisitive, owned and ridden by Jacqueline Needle, won the Jump Start Hunter Over Fences championship. Bred in Pennsylvania by Two Sisters' Farm, the 7-year-old mare won once in seven starts as a racehorse.

The \$400 Handy Hunter class attracted (left, top to bottom): Midnight Perspiration, owned and ridden by Brittney St. Clair, and J H Cheyenne with owner/rider Brandy Biggs

2016 Maryland State Fair

Photographs by Anne Litz



The Maryland Horse industry once again teamed up to host Horseland, which featured 11 days of free equine demonstrations and activities, at the fair. Highlights included plenty of smiling young faces taking part.

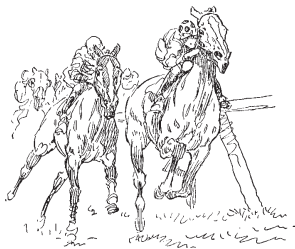


Pony races were again part of the fair, with action on the dirt track at Timonium.



A military showcase featuring drill teams and other guests was a crowd favorite.





MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
June 1 to July 31, 2016

All Brandy Stakes

June 25. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-bred. 1½ mi., turf. 6 competed. (Closed with 13 nominations.) Winner: **DEBBIE'S TUDE**, by Aptitude. Breeder bonus: Michael and Debbie Horning (\$13,500). Stallion bonus: None. Second: **GINGER N RYE**, by More Than Ready. Breeder bonus: Sagamore Farm LLC (\$4,500). Stallion bonus: None. Third: **NORTHERN SMILE**, by Outflanker. Breeder bonus: Bonita Farm (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: Outflanker Syndicate (\$750).

Find Stakes

June 25. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-bred. 1½ mi., turf. 5 competed. (Closed with 16 nominations.) Winner: **EYEPLAY-EVERYDAY**, by Jazil. Breeder bonus: Michael and Debbie Horning (\$13,500). Stallion bonus: None. Second: **ENGLISH MINISTER**, by English Channel. Breeder bonus: Fitzhugh LLC (\$4,500). Stallion bonus: None. Third: **PHLASH PHELPS**, by Great Notion. Breeder bonus: Carol A. Kaye (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: Great Notion Syndicate (\$750).

Breeder bonuses

Colin Atkins—**SWEETHEARTED**: June 3, 2nd race, \$5,643.
Joseph W. Ayres Jr.—**PITCH 'N PUTT**: June 17, 2nd race, \$1,386; July 1, 9th race, \$1,386; July 15, 9th race, \$726. **SHE ROLLS**: July 4, 6th race, \$3,933. (\$7,431)
Earl Barnhart—**PEARL'S LOVE**: June 4, 9th race, \$1,386; June 19, 8th race, \$726. (\$2,112)
Estate of Earl Barnhart—**PEARL'S LOVE**: July 3, 10th race, \$1,386.
Patricia and Richard Beck—**PHANTOM SHOT**: July 31, 4th race, \$2,079.
Bender and Bender LLC—**ACCESS TO THE MOON**: July 1, 4th race, \$924. **CLASSIC WILD-CAT**: July 30, 3rd race, \$1,134. **CRUISE MORE**: June 9, 5th race, \$4,275. **INDIAN BUCKS**: June 10, 1st race, \$5,130; July 3, 4th race, \$1,485; July 15, 1st race, \$825. (\$13,773)
Estate of Howard M. Bender—**BLU MOON ACE**: June 24, 7th race, \$7,182; July 24, 7th race, \$1,485. **GHOST BAY**: June 4, 7th race, \$2,646; July 22, 4th race, \$2,646. **VISION OF GREEN**:

June 12, 4th race, \$1,071. **ZEN'S LAND**: June 25, 4th race, \$2,205. (\$17,235)
Richard F. Blue Jr.—**GRANDIFLORA**: June 9, 8th race, \$1,485; June 24, 6th race, \$2,205; July 29, 3rd race, \$7,695. **MULTIFLORA**: June 18, 2nd race, \$726. (\$12,111)
Richard F. Blue Sr.—**DANIEL LE DEUX**: July 1, 6th race, \$5,643.
Bonita Farm—**EVE**: June 18, 3rd race, \$945. **FLETCHED**: June 26, 3rd race, \$1,386. **NORTHERN SMILE**: June 3, 6th race, \$1,386; June 25, 5th race, \$2,250; July 17, 8th race, \$7,182. (\$13,149)
Bonita Farm and Hellfire Stables LLC—**MORAL HIGH GROUND**: June 11, 4th race, \$4,275; June 25, 2nd race, \$2,205; July 22, 1st race, \$759. (\$7,239)
Frank A. Bonsal Jr.—**SOME PROMISES**: July 30, 4th race, \$1,386.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—**BARAKEH**: June 9, 6th race, \$1,764.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke C. Bowman—**LOUISE THE LASER**: June 26, 5th race, \$3,762. **OPEN THE BANK**: July 31, 6th race, \$3,078. **WEATHERURNOT**: July 29, 7th race, \$2,079. (\$8,919)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Brooke Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—**MY MAGICIAN**: July 2, 4th race, \$1,485.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quin Bowman and Rebecca Davis—**I STAND ALONE**: July 23, 1st race, \$3,933.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—**JROCK**: July 29, 3rd race, \$2,835.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Northview Stallion Station—**JUMPIN JULIAN**: June 26, 2nd race, \$945.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—**BAWLMEER HON**: June 17, 6th race, \$1,320.
Phyllis Browne and Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds—**CHIPS ICLUDED**: July 15, 4th race, \$2,079.
Michael P. Cataneo—**TO BLAVE**: June 16, 3rd race, \$2,079; July 23, 6th race, \$5,643. (\$7,722)
James T. and Brenda Christmas—**TWO PUNCH TOO**: June 19, 2nd race, \$1,134.
Henry S. Clark III—**MISS GLENGAR**: June 2, 3rd race, \$2,565.
Classic Thoroughbred—**HOW'S YOUR SUGAR**: July 9, 9th race, \$4,617; July 31, 8th race, \$4,788. (\$9,405)
Classic Thoroughbred XII—**STOLEN LOVE**: July 17, 5th race, \$5,130.
Cordelia Stables LLC—**AIRLIE'S DIAMOND**: June 4, 9th race, \$3,762; June 26, 5th race, \$1,386; July 16, 5th race, \$1,386. (\$6,534)
Country Life Farm, Friesan Fire Syndicate and Miller Thompson LLC—**GOODLUCKJOHNATHAN**: July 23, 3rd race, \$1,320.
Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—**EARNED IT**: June 5, 2nd race, \$2,079.
Country Roads Ltd.—**BURFORD**: June 17, 2nd race, \$3,762. **FLAME OF MY HEART**: June 19, 8th race, \$1,386; July 3, 10th race, \$726; July 17, 9th race, \$726; July 31, 3rd race, \$3,762.

HAVE HOPE: June 10, 2nd race, \$594. **IT'S A BANG**: July 2, 6th race, \$2,907. (\$13,863)
Country Life Farm and Sagamoon LLC—**BACK-SEAT LOVER**: June 5, 8th race, \$1,320.
James H. Cronk and Country Life/Hughes LLC—**FANTOD**: June 24, 3rd race, \$594.
Cynefin Trust—**MINOR LEGEND**: June 12, 6th race, \$1,449; July 2, 7th race, \$759; July 22, 5th race, \$3,933. (\$6,141)
Dark Hollow Farm—**CATCH**: July 16, 9th race, \$726. **CHERISHED PRIZE**: June 18, 2nd race, \$1,386; July 2, 10th race, \$1,386. **EXTOL**: July 30, 9th race, \$726. (\$4,224)
Dark Hollow Farm, Arnold Davidov, Alice Wolf and Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber—**QUALIFY**: July 23, 7th race, \$1,551.
Rebecca B. Davis and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—**ALL FIRED UP**: June 5, 8th race, \$2,520; July 4, 4th race, \$6,840; July 30, 2nd race, \$1,386. (\$10,746)
David DiPietro—**SAZERAC GIRL**: July 2, 5th race, \$2,520; July 22, 3rd race, \$6,840. (\$9,360)
C. Reneva Dove—**SUNDAES BABY**: July 10, 5th race, \$1,134.
Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—**RICHARD'S GOLD**: July 2, 1st race, \$1,134.
Hassan Elamri—**NOUR IAYOUN**: June 25, 2nd race, \$1,155.
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stables Inc.—**RAVEN RUSH**: July 30, 4th race, \$726.
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stables and A. Leonard Pineau—**SAVAGE RIVER**: July 15, 7th race, \$495.
Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—**STORMY MAMA**: June 4, 3rd race, \$594; July 4, 6th race, \$759; July 31, 2nd race, \$495. (\$1,848)
James H. Falk Sr.—**TANGO DELTA**: June 3, 2nd race, \$2,079; July 29, 7th race, \$5,643. (\$7,722)
Alison E. Farwell Jr.—**COLMONT FIRE**: July 10, 1st race, \$3,762.
Caroline Rebecca Finacchio and Thomas Finacchio—**OYSTER SOUP**: June 11, 7th race, \$6,840.
Mrs. Janon Fisher III—**CUE**: July 9, 6th race, \$3,762. **JACOBY J**: June 17, 8th race, \$1,134; July 2, 1st race, \$594. (\$5,490)
Fitzhugh LLC—**ENGLISH MINISTER**: June 3, 8th race, \$2,961; June 25, 7th race, \$4,500. **GURSKY**: June 11, 3rd race, \$2,646; July 10, 2nd race, \$7,182. **OPIE**: July 29, 5th race, \$1,764. **STRUTH**: July 3, 9th race, \$2,835; July 24, 7th race, \$2,835. **TURBIN**: July 3, 7th race, \$2,565; July 17, 2nd race, \$1,071. (\$28,359)
Dennis Fosdick—**PROUD MAID MARIAN**: June 18, 2nd race, \$3,762.
Glade Valley Farms Inc.—**MARYLAND MYSTIQUE**: June 11, 4th race, \$1,575.
Barbara C. Graham and Joseph Keelty—**CONNEMARA COAST**: July 10, 8th race, \$8,037.
Jean W. Harris—**CROOKIT**: June 10, 4th race, \$1,134; July 1, 1st race, \$1,134; July 30, 9th race, \$1,386. **FULL QUEST**: June 23, 1st race, \$5,643. **MOUNTAIN MAN**: June 17, 1st race, \$495. (\$9,792)
Michael J. Harrison DVM—**JUST JACK**: July 4, 2nd race, \$2,646; July 29, 8th race, \$7,182. **SLICK WILLIAM**: June 2, 6th race, \$726; June 18, 6th race, \$726; July 4, 7th race, \$924; July 31, 8th race, \$1,764. (\$13,968)
Michael and Debbie Horning—**DEBBIE'S TUDE**: June 2, 4th race, \$3,933; June 25, 5th race, \$13,500. **EYEPLAY-EVERYDAY**: June 3, 8th race, \$1,551; June 25, 7th race, \$13,500; July 30, 6th race, \$1,551. **IF I WAS A BOY**: June 19, 4th race, \$2,646. (\$36,681)
John Franzone Jr. Racing Inc.—**NO BRAKES**: July 16, 4th race, \$4,275.
Carol A. Kaye—**PHLASH PHELPS**: June 25, 7th race, \$2,250. **SEE WHAT HAPPENS**: June 10, 7th race, \$2,835. (\$5,085)
Carol A. Kaye and Robert Gerczak—**PEPPER-MINT PRINCE**: July 3, 7th race, \$495.
Carol Ann Kaye, Jeanne Baker and Jim Boyce—**CREDIT READY**: July 15, 9th race, \$3,762.
Angelika Hala Kerr and Sean Kerr—**MACK THE KNIFE**: June 5, 6th race, \$924.
Fred T. Lewis DVM—**KATIE'S CADDIE**: June 10, 2nd race, \$1,134. **TRICKY LION**: July 31, 9th race, \$726. (\$1,860)

Little Man Farm—**OUTFIELDER**: June 2, 1st race, \$594; July 2, 1st race, \$3,078; July 31, 9th race, \$3,762. (\$7,434)
Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Lit Jr.—**SO QUIET**: July 10, 3rd race, \$1,386; July 24, 6th race, \$726. (\$2,112)
Lucas Magill—**TIGERS BOP**: July 15, 9th race, \$1,386.
Robert T. Manfuso—**DAILY NEWS**: July 16, 2nd race, \$1,764; July 31, 5th race, \$5,472. **D K'S BRIGANTIA**: July 15, 5th race, \$3,762. **R LUCIFER**: July 17, 7th race, \$3,078. **SWEET CURLS**: July 17, 9th race, \$1,386. (\$15,462)
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—**LITTLE KITTEN**: June 12, 2nd race, \$945; July 1, 3rd race, \$2,565. (\$3,510)
Marathon Farms Inc.—**DAYSTRIKE**: June 10, 5th race, \$3,933. **HOLIDAY BLUES**: July 16, 3rd race, \$1,089. **MARYLAND BIRD**: July 9, 5th race, \$1,701. **TRU GREEK**: June 24, 6th race, \$1,155. (\$7,878)
J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—**IMNAHA**: July 9, 3rd race, \$5,472. **JOSEPH**: June 19, 5th race, \$6,840. (\$12,312)
Louis Merryman—**NO KNOCK RAID**: June 19, 5th race, \$1,320.
Estate of Gretchen B. Moberley—**PAULINE'S PRIDE**: July 16, 1st race, \$2,016.
Angie Moore—**CHANNEL NUMBER ONE**: June 26, 8th race, \$726. **ITSALLABOUTTHEBENS**: June 2, 5th race, \$495. (\$1,221)
Wayne and Juanita Morris—**BUZZWORTHY**: June 17, 8th race, \$3,078. **SWEET HONESTY**: June 10, 6th race, \$1,134. (\$4,212)
H. Graham Motion—**MOUNT CORONET**: June 3, 1st race, \$990.
Edmund T. Mudge IV—**CAPUCINE**: July 15, 6th race, \$6,840.
Audrey Murray—**LOUIS THE GREAT**: July 9, 7th race, \$2,565; July 24, 2nd race, \$945. **SIPPY CUP**: June 19, 6th race, \$891; July 4, 10th race, \$4,617. **TIME TO SPARE**: July 1, 3rd race, \$945; July 16, 7th race, \$945; July 31, 7th race, \$2,565. **WHISKEY SOUR**: June 3, 4th race, \$945. (\$14,418)
Alina Muther—**CAPITAL FELLOW**: June 18, 4th race, \$1,449.
Steven Newby—**BIOTERP**: June 5, 7th race, \$7,182.
Northview Stallion Station Inc.—**LOVELY NOTION**: July 10, 3rd race, \$3,762. **SWEET STEP-PIN**: July 31, 9th race, \$1,386. **WOLFTRAP**: July 4, 8th race, \$924. (\$6,072)
Marilyn Anne Payne—**SLEWS LOVE**: July 2, 3rd race, \$594.
Mr. and Mrs. A. John Price—**TERP LOVE**: July 23, 5th race, \$6,840.
A. John Price and H. Graham Motion—**HEAD GAMES**: June 23, 8th race, \$2,520.
Mary Anne Ridgely and Melissa Covolesky—**FLAMING HUMOR**: July 9, 9th race, \$891; July 22, 9th race, \$4,617. **MAGICIAN'S BULLET**: June 19, 3rd race, \$1,386; July 3, 6th race, \$4,788. (\$11,682)
Rob Ry Farm and Jane M. Slys—**NOT FOR FUN**: June 11, 5th race, \$495; July 15, 7th race, \$945; July 29, 4th race, \$945. (\$2,385)
Carolyn H. Rogers Estate—**LOVABLE LADY**: June 18, 7th race, \$8,037.
Roland Farm, Timothy Keefe and Rumsey Keefe—**PONY ROMO**: June 24, 1st race, \$495.
Timothy J. Rooney—**BALLIVOR**: July 22, 7th race, \$2,520.
Sagamore Farm LLC—**DE MARQUEE**: June 25, 2nd race, \$5,985. **GINGER N RYE**: June 25, 5th race, \$4,500. (\$10,485)
Shamrock Farms—**ROCKY POLICY**: June 10, 7th race, \$1,485.
Bill Shook—**NICKYROCKSFORPOPS**: July 16, 1st race, \$1,056.
Dr. Stephen Sinatra—**ADMIRALS WAR CHEST**: July 3, 9th race, \$1,485.
Hamilton A. Smith—**PRECIMATE IT**: June 23, 4th race, \$1,089.
Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—**MOON VIRGINIA**: July 2, 9th race, \$7,182.
Spendthrift Farm LLC—**HAILEY'S FLIP**: July 31, 4th race, \$5,643.

Estate of William Steinbuch Jr.—NOTEWORTHY PEACH: July 30, 6th race, \$8,037. ROCK SOLID GOLFER: June 3, 5th race, \$1,386; July 3, 6th race, \$924. (\$10,347)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—GREAT-BULLSOFFIRE: July 17, 1st race, \$6,840. IN-SPIRED FLIGHT: July 1, 7th race, \$6,840. LOVES LAST CHANCE: June 9, 8th race, \$2,835. ROCKINN ON BY: July 17, 4th race, \$3,465. TAKETHATTO THEBANK: July 9, 9th race, \$1,701; July 22, 9th race, \$1,701. (\$23,382)

Thornmar Farm LLC—ENJOY THE SHOW: June 4, 6th race, \$2,646. NEXT BEST THING: July 22, 2nd race, \$1,485. (\$4,131)

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—JUST-LOOKATMENOW: June 17, 7th race, \$759.

Two Legends Farm and Adena Springs—CHAMPAGNE TIME: July 9, 5th race, \$891; July 30, 9th race, \$3,762. (\$4,653)

Two Legends Farm and Kevin Creek—WEDNESDAYS ONLY: June 2, 9th race, \$891; July 4, 10th race, \$891. (\$1,782)

Two Legends Farm and Sycamore Hall Farm LLC—SUPER CASSIE GIRL: June 2, 3rd race, \$945; June 18, 3rd race, \$495; June 24, 4th race, \$495; July 9, 2nd race, \$945; July 29, 2nd race, \$2,565. (\$5,445)

Two Legends Farm and David Wade—LEGEND'S HOPE: June 4, 4th race, \$1,386; June 16, 1st race, \$759; July 3, 2nd race, \$759. (\$2,904)

Dr. Wendy Walker—PERIGEE MOON SLIDE: June 4, 1st race, \$3,762.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Wells—ALL ALONE: June 25, 4th race, \$1,155.

John E. Williamson III—PARADE OF NATIONS: June 5, 2nd race, \$5,643.

Eric J. Wirth—ICY MISS: June 2, 9th race, \$1,701; July 9, 5th race, \$4,617. (\$6,318)

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—SARAH'S TREASURE: July 30, 7th race, \$1,320.

Stallion bonuses

BULLSBAY (Greatbullsoffire: July 17, 1st race, \$2,280. Preciate It: June 23, 4th race, \$363; Bullsabay Syndicate—\$2,643.

CAL NATION (Earned It: June 5, 2nd race, \$693. Parade of Nations: June 5, 2nd race, \$1,881; Cal Nation Syndicate—\$2,574.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Mountain Man: June 17, 1st race, \$165; ZWP Stable.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Capital Fellow: June 18, 4th race, \$483. I Stand Alone: July 23, 1st race, \$1,311. Pauline's Pride: July 16, 1st race, \$672. Raven Rush: July 30, 4th race, \$242. Weather-urnot: July 29, 7th race, \$693; Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$3,401.

DEPUTY STORM (Jrock: July 29, 3rd race, \$945. No Knock Raid: June 19, 5th race, \$440; Deputy Storm Syndicate—\$1,385.

ELUSIVE CHARLIE (Admirals War Chest: July 3, 9th race, \$495; Sinatra Thor Breeding and Racing LLC.

ETCHED (Eve: June 18, 3rd race, \$315. Fledged: June 26, 3rd race, \$462; Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership—\$777.

FRIESAN FIRE (All Fired Up: June 5, 8th race, \$840; July 4, 4th race, \$2,280; July 30, 2nd race, \$462; Colmont Fire: July 10, 1st race, \$1,254. Flaming Humor: July 9, 9th race, \$297; July 22, 9th race, \$1,539. Goodluckjohnathan: July 23, 3rd race, \$440. Oyster Soup: June 11, 7th race, \$2,280. She Rolls: July 4, 6th race, \$1,311; Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$10,703.

GO FOR GIN (Moral High Ground: June 11, 4th race, \$1,425; June 25, 2nd race, \$735; July 22, 1st race, \$253; Bonita Farm and Joe Cornacchia—\$2,413.

GREAT NOTION (Cue: July 9, 6th race, \$1,254. Have Hope: June 10, 2nd race, \$198. It's a Bang: July 2, 6th race, \$969. Just Jack: July 4, 2nd race, \$882; July 29, 8th race, \$2,394.

Lovely Notion: July 10, 3rd race, \$1,254. Phlash Phelps: June 25, 7th race, \$750. Slick William: June 2, 6th race, \$242; June 18, 6th race, \$242; July 4, 7th race, \$308; July 31, 8th race, \$588; Great Notion Syndicate—\$9,081.

GREEK SUN (Tru Greek: June 24, 6th race, \$385; Marathon Farm.

LION HEARTED (Biaterp: June 5, 7th race, \$2,394. Flame of My Heart: June 19, 8th race, \$462; July 3, 10th race, \$242; July 17, 9th race, \$242; July 31, 3rd race, \$1,254. Imnaha: July 9, 3rd race, \$1,824. Joseph: June 19, 5th race, \$2,280. Katie's Caddie: June 10, 2nd race, \$378. Pony Romo: June 24, 1st race, \$165. Richard's Gold: July 2, 1st race, \$378. Stormy Mama: June 4, 3rd race, \$198; July 4, 6th race, \$253; July 31, 2nd race, \$165. Sundaes Baby: July 10, 5th race, \$378. Sweethearted: June 3, 2nd race, \$1,881. Tricky Lion: July 31, 9th race, \$242; Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$12,736.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Crookit: June 10, 4th race, \$378; July 9, 1st race, \$378; July 30, 9th race, \$462. Daniel Le Deux: July 1, 6th race, \$1,881. Louis the Great: July 9, 7th race, \$855; July 24, 2nd race, \$315. Multiflora: June 18, 2nd race, \$242; Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$4,511.

NOT FOR LOVE (Backseat Lover: June 5, 8th race, \$440. Legend's Hope: June 4, 4th race, \$462; June 16, 1st race, \$253; July 3, 2nd race, \$253. Lovable Lady: June 18, 7th race, \$2,679. Loves Last Chance: June 9, 8th race, \$945. Pearl's Love: June 4, 9th race, \$462; June 19, 8th race, \$242; July 3, 10th race, \$462. Sews Love: July 2, 3rd race, \$198. Some Promises: July 30, 4th race, \$462. Stolen Love: July 17, 5th race, \$1,710. Tarp Love: July 23, 5th race, \$2,280; Not For Love Syndicate—\$10,848.

ORATORY (All Alone: June 25, 4th race, \$385. Nour layout: June 25, 2nd race, \$385; Country Life Farm and Darley—\$770.

ORIENTATE (Inspired Flight: July 1, 7th race, \$2,280; Orientate Syndicate

OUTFLANKER (Itsalaboutthebens: June 2, 5th race, \$165. Northern Smile: June 3, 6th race, \$462; June 25, 5th race, \$750; July 17, 8th race, \$2,394. Outfielder: June 2, 1st race, \$198; July 2, 1st race, \$1,026; July 31, 9th race, \$1,254. So Quiet: July 10, 3rd race, \$462; July 24, 6th race, \$242; Outflanker Syndicate—\$6,953.

PARKER'S STORM CAT (Fantod: June 24, 3rd race, \$198. No Brakes: July 16, 4th race, \$1,425; Country Life Farm and B. Wayne Hughes—\$1,623.

REDEEMED (Chips Included: July 15, 4th race, \$693; Redeemed Syndicate.

ROCK SLIDE (Jacoby J: June 17, 8th race, \$378; July 2, 1st race, \$198. Nickyrockforpops: July 16, 1st race, \$352. Perigee Moon Slide: June 4, 1st race, \$1,254. Rock Solid Golfer: June 3, 5th race, \$462; July 3, 6th race, \$308. Rocky Policy: June 10, 7th race, \$495; Shamrock Farms—\$3,447.

SCIPION (Grandiflora: June 9, 8th race, \$495; June 24, 6th race, \$735; July 29, 3rd race, \$2,565. Sippy Cup: June 19, 6th race, \$297; July 4, 10th race, \$1,539. Time to Spare: July 1, 3rd race, \$315; July 16, 7th race, \$315; July 31, 7th race, \$855. Whiskey Sour: June 3, 4th race, \$315; Scipion Syndicate—\$7,431.

STREET MAGICIAN (Burford: June 17, 2nd race, \$1,254. Magician's Bullet: June 19, 3rd race, \$462; July 3, 6th race, \$1,596. My Magician: July 2, 4th race, \$495. Wolftrap: July 4, 8th race, \$308; R. Larry Johnson—\$4,115.

TWO PUNCH (Minor Legend: June 12, 6th race, \$483; July 2, 7th race, \$253; July 22, 5th race, \$1,311. Two Punch Too: June 19, 2nd race, \$378; Two Punch Syndicate—\$2,425.



Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland
Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 30% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding \$100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a \$100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race.

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Maryland-bred top earners in 2016

(through September 6)

1. Cathryn Sophia . . . \$1,019,720	11. Bioterp \$92,985
2. Giant Run 237,420	12. Worthy Lion 91,659
3. Sonny Inspired 148,500	13. Sazerac Girl 91,350
4. Ben's Cat 144,877	14. Blu Moon Ace 86,763
5. Lovable Lady 138,899	15. Kiss to Remember 85,703
6. Just Jack 109,698	16. Night Officer 83,636
7. Indian Bucks 106,436	17. Street Cruiser 82,134
8. Gursky 106,030	18. John Jones 75,012
9. Candida H. 97,815	19. Tango Delta 74,494
10. Jrock 93,377	20. Any Court Inastorm . . 73,452

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled on September 6 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their career in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2016. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2016

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	90	466	46	72	\$1,912,293
Lion Hearted	73	417	30	44	1,190,173
Great Notion	52	246	27	40	1,136,218
Friesan Fire	52	273	25	31	1,130,635
Orientate	80	400	37	72	1,004,062
Petionville	60	307	20	28	737,788
Louis Quatorze	51	271	20	25	636,164
Scipion	39	240	19	30	586,635
Street Magician	39	177	14	18	574,934
Outflanker	36	173	17	25	572,432
Rock Slide	34	192	12	21	519,235
Two Punch	20	125	10	14	262,743
Cherokee's Boy	24	120	8	13	254,671
Showing Up	26	117	10	13	200,371
Etched	17	54	3	7	150,482

2-year-old earnings in 2016

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	4	8	1	2	\$117,000
Great Notion	5	12	1	1	79,200
Orientate	6	11	3	3	78,210
†Cal Nation	7	14	2	2	67,215
Friesan Fire	4	9	1	1	37,170
Street Magician	5	13	0	0	30,920
Etched	4	6	1	1	28,362
Petionville	2	4	1	1	27,990

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	796	17,405	637	2,619	\$73,145,037
Two Punch	938	18,125	732	2,663	54,852,225
Orientate	618	12,289	482	1,825	43,084,992
Petionville	618	13,195	483	1,806	42,129,598
Louis Quatorze	761	14,244	564	1,886	35,960,940
Polish Numbers	442	9,352	365	1,370	33,375,908
Lion Hearted	489	8,935	373	1,232	27,977,355
Outflanker	410	8,777	309	1,261	27,539,353
Waquoit	484	11,418	368	1,521	26,912,540
Eastern Echo	417	8,680	292	1,129	22,694,913
Go for Gin	322	6,076	212	717	18,908,303
Great Notion	160	2,260	122	371	11,028,764
Rock Slide	207	3,360	138	370	9,706,988
Mojave Moon	153	3,077	106	337	5,908,132
Gators N Bears	124	1,813	71	220	5,700,448

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	356	1,129	136	183	\$6,827,861
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	345	1,076	131	172	4,899,582
Petionville	360	1,120	119	148	4,682,767
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze	334	1,035	103	129	3,467,116
Outflanker	216	875	91	122	3,283,413
Eastern Echo	220	814	74	101	3,059,366
Lion Hearted	218	711	80	110	3,050,991
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Great Notion	59	171	23	35	1,271,412
Rock Slide	90	286	23	34	1,037,469
Go for Gin	162	528	32	39	982,754
Scipion	47	202	23	30	883,526
Mojave Moon	84	326	25	30	666,532



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Bustin Out becomes stakes winner in Eleven North Handicap

After finishing second in her two earlier stakes appearances this year, Bustin Out won the \$60,000 Eleven North Handicap, one of three stakes on the New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival Day card Aug. 28 at Monmouth Park.

Ridden by Jose Ferrer, Bustin Out came out of the gate fast and her competition did not get closer than a length. Let's Parlay held second, 3 lengths behind the winner, and She's Hot Wired was another half-length back in third.

"I was so confident going in," said Chuck Spina, who trains the filly for Joseph and Gayle Ioia. "She's doing so well. When I saw the opening quarter [:21.99] I knew she'd be tough. We'll look for an allowance race here for her next."

Bred in New Jersey by Dianne Boyken, the 4-year-old filly by Bustin Stones from the Disco Rico mare Disco Shaker sports a record of 6-3-4 from 14 starts, good for earnings of \$246,212.



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Jersey Blues wins Charles Hesse III Handicap



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Holly Crest Farm homebred Jersey Blues won his stakes debut in the \$60,000 Charles Hesse III Handicap on New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival Day.

Jersey Blues stalked the early pace of We B Jammin before moving by that foe in the lane and drawing away, scoring by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths over last year's Hesse winner, the late-rallying Fuzzy Muzzle, with Don's Marsh another three-quarters of a length back in third.

Ridden by Monmouth's leading jockey Paco Lopez and dispatched the second choice at 7-2 in the field of five geldings, two colts, a mare and a filly, Jersey Blues went the $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles over a fast main track in 1:43.57.

"He's a big horse who's a funny traveler, but he can run," said winning trainer John Mazza, who conditions the Hesse winner for Holly Crest Farm. "Paco rode a great race and I guess we got lucky today. It feels great to win such a race at my home track on Jersey-bred Day."

A 5-year-old Eddington gelding out of the Caller I.D. mare Sinful Seduction, Jersey Blues has four wins from 12 starts with earnings of \$138,134.

Chublicious adds to stakes tally in New Jersey Breeders Handicap



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David Gruskos' Chublicious won his third stakes of the Monmouth Park meet by taking the \$60,000 New Jersey Breeders Handicap Aug. 28. Trained by Jorge Navarro, the 5-year-old gelded son of New Jersey sire Hey Chub also won the John J. Reilly for state-breds in May and the Mr. Prospector Stakes against open company in June before heading to Saratoga for his first graded stakes attempt, the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap-G1, where he finished off the board.

Back at Monmouth Park for New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival Day, Chublicious sat off the early speed of stablemate Visionary Ruler before making his move around the turn and drawing off to a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -length score, stopping the timer in 1:08.76 for 6 furlongs over the fast main track. Multiple stakes winner Green Gratto finished second and Play It Again rallied in the lane for third.

"He doesn't really like to get dirt in his face," said winning rider Antonio Gallardo. "If he's between horses and not getting too much he's great. I know this horse well and rode him like he was the best in the race. I knew the speed would be out there for us and I just waited until I pushed the button and he took off."

Bred in New Jersey by Joe-Dan Farm out of the Arch mare Sassy Broad, Chublicious has won eight of 16 lifetime starts, good for earnings of \$299,514.



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Jersey Mo

By Bill Finley

For Chuck Spina, it's not too early to get excited about the 2018 racing season. When you co-own a New Jersey-bred weanling filly by Uncle Mo you can't help but feel optimistic, even dreamy, about the future.

Spina and partner Joe Ioia bred and own the first, and perhaps, last offspring by Uncle Mo that will be a New Jersey-bred. That their filly is by Uncle Mo doesn't guarantee success, but the presence of that sire in the bloodlines means something very special might happen. Uncle Mo has burst onto the scene as one of the best young sires the sport has seen in decades. Nyquist, a 2-year-old champion and the Kentucky Derby-G1 winner, highlights his first crop, but he is just one among many stars. There has been Grade 1 Wood Memorial winner Outwork, Grade 2 Jim Dandy winner Laoban, Grade 1 Alcibiades winner Gomo, and the list goes on.

Through his friendship with Jim Crupi, formerly a top trainer in New Jersey who now operates New Castle Farm in Florida, Spina was able to secure a breeding season to Uncle Mo for just \$25,000. Uncle Mo now stands for \$75,000 and the price is expected to go up significantly for next year's breeding season. One of Spina's best broodmares is Winiliscious, a daughter of Lawyer Ron who won 10 of 24 races, earned \$257,860 and was second in the Monmouth Beach and Crowned Stakes. Not bad for a horse he claimed for \$7,500 off of Tony Dutrow. The Uncle Mo filly is Winiliscious' first foal.

Spina bred her to Uncle Mo and has had his fingers crossed ever since.

"Jim bought Uncle Mo for [owner] Mike Repole, who is one of his main clients, and he has two lifetime seasons in him," Spina explained. "At the start his stud fee was \$35,000 and Jim let us have one of his seasons for \$25,000. We jumped at it. Uncle Mo had such a great start with his first crop that his fee jumped up to \$75,000 and the last few available were going for \$100,000. He's supposed to go up to \$150,000 next year. I doubt many people who breed in New Jersey will be able to afford that, so I am pretty sure we will have the first and last New Jersey bred by Uncle Mo."

The filly was conceived in Kentucky, but Spina and Ioia decided to have Winiliscious foal in New Jersey. The filly was born at Jan Laszlo's Hunters Run Farm in Wall Township in the midst of a Jan. 24 snowstorm. From an economic standpoint, it might not have been the wisest move, but the two believe in

New Jersey racing and breeding and want to do their part to support it.

"We'd rather race her than sell her," Spina said. "From a business standpoint we'd probably have been better off if she stayed in Lexington and dropped in Kentucky, or even in Pennsylvania or New York. But we support New Jersey racing and since we do, will probably race here. We wanted a Jersey-bred."

"We support it out of loyalty, but in the Jersey-bred races you also get a tremendous amount of purse money for the quality of horses that you have. Myself, my clients, my partners, we don't have the money to go out and spend hundreds of thousands on young horses, so this is in our wheelhouse. That's why we have state bred. These \$50,000 pots are rewarding. We live here, work here and want to support New Jersey racing and breeding like everyone else here. I just wish there was more racing, particularly for Jersey-breds. Hopefully, that will change if they get the slots at the Meadowlands."

Spina said he is having one of his best years ever with New Jersey-breds. The star performer is Bustin Out, who through late-August had won three of five starts this year, including the Eleven North Handicap, and was second in open stakes company in the Regret, and the Open Mind for state-breds.

"My partner and I have always been into Jersey-breds," he said. "That's how someone like me makes a living. I've been doing very well with them here the last 20 years and the last couple of years have been great. We're big supporters of the program."

With Uncle Mo's stud fee having risen above what Spina and Ioia want to pay, they bred Winiliscious back to champion Lookin At Lucky, and that foal will also be a Jersey-bred.

As for the Uncle Mo filly, the two have tinkered with the idea of selling her as they know they could most likely turn a quick and substantial profit on their original investment of \$25,000. But Spina is pretty sure they will stick to their original plan, racing her. Hopefully, she'll hit the track in a 2-year-old maiden race in 2018 at Monmouth.

"She looks to have great temperament, she's pretty correct and she's a beautiful filly," Spina said. "But, as you know, we're a long way from getting her to the races. Nonetheless, this is very exciting."



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New Jersey horseman Ed Barney dies at 88

Ed Barney, a longtime supporter of the New Jersey breeding and racing industries, passed away Aug. 13 at the age of 88.

Ed first came to Monmouth Park in 1947, a year after the track opened, and was part of its tradition until his passing. He began his career in the equine industry upon graduating high school in 1928 and won a few races at the Flemington Fair. He then worked as an exercise rider and outrider while also finding time to compete in jumping events.

Early in his career, Ed built a business providing lead ponies for trainers and their Thoroughbreds during morning workouts or leading them to the starting gate in the afternoon. Ed and his wife of 48 years, Ramona, who passed away in

2014, operated Tourelay Farm in Colts Neck where they bred runners to race at Monmouth Park. One of their biggest wins in recent years came when Sierra Ancha rallied from 10th place to win the 2013 Charles Hesse III Handicap. Ed won with his final starter Aug. 6 when Easy Landing scored by 2 lengths.

Ed was presented the Virgil "Buddy" Raines award prior to the opening of the 2016 Monmouth Park meet. The Raines Award honors men and women who have demonstrated a continuing commitment to the sport of Thoroughbred racing as an owner or trainer, and whose conduct has been exemplary for professionalism, integrity and service to the sport.

The New Jersey-bred Racing Challenge

Here is the New Jersey-bred Racing Challenge Leaderboard through August 28.
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Fillies and Mares Division

Horse	Breeder	Owner	Points
Bustin Out	Dianne Boyken	Joseph and Gayle Ioia	32
Banana Anna	Joe-Dan Farm	Final Turn Racing LLC	17
Valedictorian	John Bowers Jr.	Roseland Farm	15
Julia Choubouli	Joe-Dan Farm	Quiet Winter Farm	14
Mo Mon's Copycat	Dianne Boyken	Super G Stable	14
Poochy	Headless Horsemen Racing Stable	Bright View Farm	12.5
Diamond Play	Colonial Farms	Tbred Investment Fund	12
Too Hollywood	Law Legacy Stables LLC	Law Legacy Stables LLC	12
Let's Parlay	Red Oak Stable	Red Oak Stable	12
Chubby Charlie	Joe-Dan Farm	Fitter Stable	11
Hersisterisachub	Joe-Dan Farm	James Frangella	11
Rain on Fire	Law Legacy Stables LLC	Law Legacy Stables LLC	11
Mission Good Karma	Headless Horsemen Racing	Joseph and Gayle Ioia	11

Colts and Gelding Division

Horse	Breeder	Owner	Points
Chublicious	Joe-Dan Farm	David Gruskos	24
Play It Again	Greenfields Farm	Linda Simon	18.5
Jersey Blues	Holly Crest Farm	Holly Crest Farm	18
Don's Marsh	Patricia Generazio	Patricia Generazio	18
Lucky Balladier	Navesink River Stable LLC	Navesink River Stable LLC	18
Fuzzy Muzzle	Rock Talk Farm	Rock Talk Farm	18
George Cross	Bright View Farm	Final Turn Racing Stable	17.5
Rockaway Creek	Reeve Schley III	Reeve Schley III and Rory Huston	15
Will	Dorothy Dweck	Dorothy Dweck	14
Bank Fraud	Hope H. Jones and Isabelle De Tomaso	Mo Heat Stable	14
Here's to Mike	Jonathan Brown	Jonathan Brown	14

North Carolina

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October 2016

President's message

Dear Fellow NCTA Members:

I cannot express how thrilled I am to be the President of this organization. From the moment I joined the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association (NCTA), I was eager to participate and help in any way I could. Holding this office isn't exactly what I had in mind, but Joanne needed a break. I don't exactly know what I am doing yet and I am certainly intimidated by some of the responsibilities. However, Joanne has offered her guidance and support to help me through. With that and a lot of hard work, I have hope.

I hope to meet and get to know each one of you. I hope that you will share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions with me and that we can implement the best of them. I hope the State will pass parimutuel betting, someday. I hope that we can raise more money by sponsoring all-Thoroughbred horse shows, holding online and silent auctions and social fundraising events. I hope that we will increase our membership with, not only racing enthusiasts, but also with OTTB horse show competitors, rescuers and other Thoroughbred owners. I hope that you will continue to be proud of being part of the NCTA and want to contribute to our success. Mostly though, I hope not to be judged too harshly.

Many thanks go to Joanne Dew for her unrelenting dedication and 11 years of serving as President of the NCTA. While

Racing

STAKES HORSES

BEACH PATROL (c., 2013, Lemon Drop Kid—Bashful Bertie, by Quiet American) won the Grade 1 Secretariat Stakes at Arlington Park Aug. 13. The Nancy Shuford-bred 3-year-old broke well, was placed outside on the first turn when running third, took the lead at the quarter pole, dueled with a rival and would not be passed, winning the \$450,000 1¼-mile turf stakes by a head.

DARING KATHY (m., 2011, Wildcat Heir—Dare to Mambo, by Kingmambo) won the third running of the \$75,000 Soaring Softly Stakes at Gulfstream Park Aug. 6. She took the lead at the start of the 1-mile turf stakes, angled to the rail on the first turn, rated while still unasked at the quarter pole, was encouraged entering the lane and pulled away under right handed urging to finish wrapped up, winning decisively by 5¼ lengths. She is owned by Steve Laymon in a partnership with John Eaton.

WINNERS

DANIEL DID IT (g., 2011, Trajectory—Flashy Anna, by Bold n' Flashy) was a winner at Laurel Park Aug. 7 in a 6-furlong claiming race. The 5-year-old gelding owned in a partnership with Hillary Robinson sprinted to an early lead, saved ground on the turn, was well clear mid-stretch, and had to work in the final furlong to win by a head.

SHEA D GIRL (f., 2013, Paddy O'Prado—Adalgisa, by Spinning World) won a

1-mile claiming race over Monmouth Park's turf courses Aug. 5. The filly owned by Danny Shea set the pace on the inside and pulled away much the best by 2¼ lengths.

DUKE OF LUKE (g., 2012, Kantharos—Lovemeaton, by Wheaton) won a 6-furlong claiming race at Canterbury Park Aug. 14. Reserved in last and angled inside, the Nancy Shuford-bred switched outside on the turn, went five-wide with a steady response deep in the stretch and prevailed by a half length at the wire.

VINO ROSE GRAND (f., 2013, Vineyard Haven—Kokie Grand, by Kokand) took a 7-furlong maiden claimer at Charles Town Aug. 13. Settled off the pace, she took the lead four-wide leaving the five-sixteenths pole, rounded the turn with a daylight lead and won by 4½ lengths.

In her prior start, she placed second at Charles Town going 6½ furlongs in a maiden claiming race July 28. She took the lead at the quarter, but was outfinished through the final sixteenth. She is bred and owned by Clinton Lowry.

MAGPIE MAGGIE (f., 2012, Chelsey Cat—Ruggles, by Strawberry Road-Aus). Nancy Shuford's homebred, by her own stallion Chelsey Cat and foaled in North Carolina, won by a nose at Charles Town Aug. 12 in a 1½-mile claiming race. She made a bid nearing the seven-sixteenths pole, progressed steadily rounding the far turn, was three wide and dug in to take

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the head bob under the wire. She is owned and bred by Nancy Shuford.

In her previous start, July 23, Maggie was second going $1\frac{1}{8}$ miles in a Charles Town claimer. She settled off the pace inside, dropped back significantly in the front stretch, made a bid near the three-eighths pole and steadily improved through the turn.

SECOND PLACE

TOBIAS—allowance, 1 mile 70 yards, turf, Delaware Park, July 27. The 7-year-old gelding rallied from last into the stretch, reached the front in deep stretch and was caught late to miss by a nose. He is owned by Johnny Eason in a partnership.

QUICK SELECTION—maiden special weight, $5\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Hazel Park, Aug. 12. The 3-year-old son of Zanjero raced midfield after the break, bid gamely and closed well late. He is owned in a partnership with Ralph Moore.

MUGGLES—claiming, 1 mile 70 yards, Presque Isle Downs, Aug. 2. The daughter of Chelsey Cat rallied at the quarter pole and drew even on the front runners, took a clear lead in the stretch and was caught late to place second by a neck. She was bred by Nancy Shuford.

AWESOME GHOST—claiming, $5\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Monmouth Park, Aug. 7. The 3-year-old Ghostzapper gelding chased four wide, closed on the turn and dug in to hold the place. He was bred by Elizabeth Muirhead, Frank Coniglio and Sidney Ritman and owned by Frank, Sidney and Richard Rendina.

LEWIS MEADOW—claiming, $4\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Charles Town, Aug. 11. The 5-year-old mare gave chase in the three path in the backstretch, saved ground on the turn, entered the stretch along the rail, and was second best under the wire. She is owned by Hillary Robinson in a partnership.

ALLEGHENY JACK—claiming, $1\frac{1}{8}$ miles, Charles Town, Aug. 12. The 8-year-old gelding settled off the pace two deep, bid near the three-eighths pole and was closest to the winner at the wire. He was bred by Clinton Lowry.

THIRD PLACE

ALLEGHENY OFCOURSE—allowance, 6 furlongs, Mountaineer Park, July 31. The 3-year-old gelding settled mid-pack, bid five-wide in upper stretch, and gained willingly. He is owned and bred by Clinton Lowry.

DOTHAT DANCE—allowance, $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf, Laurel Park, Aug. 6. The 3-year-old Louis Quatorze gelding bred by Jim Chandley saved ground, angled out at the sixteenth pole and bid between horses to miss the win by a length.

DOUBLE THE CHEERS—starter allowance, about 5 furlongs, turf, Parx Racing, Aug. 9. The 4-year-old gelding bred by Elizabeth Muirhead vied between rivals, continued gamely to the finish, less than a length behind the winner.

FITZFARRIS—claiming, 6 furlongs, Parx Park, Aug. 2; allowance, $6\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Charles Town, Aug. 6. After a trip at Parx in which he was fractious in the gate, and didn't threaten the top two, he returned at Charles Town four days later and hit the board in allowance company. The 4-year-old gelding raced up close just

off the pace, was wide through the turn, dueled gamely down the lane to outrun closing rival. He was bred by Nancy Shuford.

TALIESIN—claiming, 7 furlongs, Assiniboia Downs, Aug. 5. The 5-year-old daughter of Misbah forced the pace outside along the backstretch, was challenged on the turn, rallied evenly to the finish. She was bred by Jim Chandley.

MICHAEL'S TRIBUTE—claiming, $5\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, Penn National, Aug. 12. The 5-year-old Misbah mare bred by Jim Chandley chased the pace on the outside and closed quickly.

President's message *continued*

doing some research, I discovered many state associations, similar to ours, have dissolved or became inactive in recent years, including those with tracks and pari-mutuel betting. Not only has Joanne kept the NCTA alive, she created partnerships with organizations, such as Thoroughbred Incentive Program, which provides us with greater exposure to a new demographic of potential members. Although she has resigned her former position, her talents and vision remain on the Board. Joanne will function as Secretary.

I am keen to start learning as much as I can so that I can execute my duties with confidence.

Cheers to a bright future. Let's have some fun.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Montaldo

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PA-Breds Shine at Pennsylvania's Day at the Races

By Devon Smith



Despite the cloudy skies from Hurricane Hermine, PA-Breds shone at Parx Sept. 3. The 16th annual Pennsylvania's Day at the Races kicked off Parx's fall season after their three-week-long break. The action-packed card featured over \$800,000 in purses, including five restricted stakes races, and showcased over 80 PA-Breds that turned for home. Also included was the newly-added open stakes, the \$150,000 Princess of Sylmar for 3-year-old fillies.

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association celebrated Pennsylvanian breeders, owners, and trainers with a buffet lunch, complete with a private third floor view of the track. Also present was PTHA's Turning for Home—a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides Thoroughbred racehorses with safe retirement. Guests had the chance to enter a raffle to win a basket filled with Turning for Home swag, as well as baskets from a Kennett Square winery and golf course—both local to the PHBA.

Additionally, owners, trainers and breeders of the stakes-winning PA-Breds were invited to join PHBA's Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello and Racing/Stallion Manager Wendi Graham in the Hall of Fame Room for a champagne toast to celebrate. Stakes winners received a PHBA duffel bag for both the owner and trainer and an engraved shank for the winning PA-Bred—both of which were presented by a PHBA Board Member in the winner's circle. Stakes participants all received a PHBA Patagonia backpack, filled with pint glasses and leather coasters, while overnight participants received a PHBA tote bag filled with a blanket, hat and tumbler.

Among the 11 races on the program was the \$100,000 Banjo Picker, a 6-furlong sprint for horses 3 & up. The winner was A Fleet Attitude, ridden by Frankie Pennington. The 6-year-old gelding by Afleet Alex, bred by Charles Zacney and Tim Ritchey, is owned by Morris Kernan Jr., and is trained by Marcos Zulueta. He won by a half-length after a battle with Purcell late in the stretch. This year PHBA had welcomed co-breeder Charles Zacney to their annual Iroquois Awards Banquet as the guest speaker for the event. Zacney is a partner in Cash is King LLC, which owns Cathryn Sophia, winner of the Princess of Sylmar Stakes, and A Fleet Attitude's sire, Afleet Alex.

Zacney wasn't the only person who celebrated twice — Pennington also won the \$100,000 Roanoke Stakes with Kobel, a 5-year-old dark bay gelding by Sequoyah. Bred by Donald Clifford Wilson, owned by Richard Malouf, and trained by Scott Lake, Kobel was a front-runner throughout the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, leaving betting favorite Res Judicata to settle for second.

In a different turn of events, Valued Strike overtook front-runner Persnickity mid-stretch in the \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes for fillies and mares. Jockey Trevor McCarthy pushed the 4-year-old Smart Strike filly to victory, making her 5-for-9 in her career starts. Although they weren't at Parx, breeder and owner George Strawbridge Jr. (Augustin Stable) and trainer H. Graham Motion celebrated their stakes-winning filly from afar.

Trainer Michael Lerman and friends were there to take in the excitement when 4-year-old filly Black Mission Fig won the \$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo

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Owner Richard Malouf and company greet jockey Frankie Pennington in the winner's circle after Kobel's Roanoke Stakes win, along with Scott Lake's assistant trainer David Garcia.



Winning the Medal's Marshall Jenney Stakes presentation included (from left) Parx representative Kiely Waters, owner/breeder Rick Molineaux (receiving trophy) and family, trainer Patricia Farro, jockey Emmanuel Esquivel and trophy presenter, PHBA Board member Gregory Newell.

Memorial Stakes with Paco Lopez in the irons. The Fusaichi Pegasus filly, bred and owned by Gold Square LLC, made her first start at Parx on PA Day at the Races and will hopefully be back to race more after such a favorable upset against even-money Disco Chick.

Lerman, along with friends, joined PHBA staff in the Hall of Fame Room after celebrating in the winner's circle. Along with them was Dr. Teresa Garofalo's brother, Ted Vanderlaan. The Garofalo Stakes is a particularly special one to the PHBA—Garofalo was the treasurer on the board before she passed away in 2010 from acute myeloid leukemia. She was a joyful, loving and generous woman who owned an equine practice in Chester County, focusing on racehorses and equine reproduction; therefore, she was very close to the PA-Bred community. As Vanderlaan raised his glass, he said that Teresa would be very proud.

The last stakes winner of the day was, appropriately, Winning the Medal in the \$100,000 Marshall Jenney Handicap, in a blanket finish despite starting the 5-furlong sprint breaking from an outside post. The Medallist gelding is living up to his pedigree, with the Jenney being his first stakes win—bringing his lifetime earnings up to \$195,725. Breeder and owner Rick Molineaux (R&L Racing), trainer Patricia Farro and jockey Emmanuel Esquivel accepted the trophy.

After Winning the Medal's victory, Molineaux headed up to the Hall of Fame Room with his wife, daughter, and two granddaughters. As he popped open the champagne and clinked glasses with everyone in the room, he pulled a Smarty Jones button out of his shirt pocket. He held it up and said that his granddaughter gave it to him before the start of the race. He recalled her saying, "It will bring you good luck!" And it did just that. Sanfratello joked that Molineaux will have to bring the button to every race now—and he said he'd be sure he would.

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A few words from the Executive Secretary

In September we held Pennsylvania's Day at the Races at Parx, where we saw some amazing PA-Breds win coveted stakes titles. I was proud to see so many PHBA members—comprised of both breeders and owners—come together to celebrate our state-breds and our breeding program, despite the recent turmoil in regards to breeder awards.

We hope to continue the high spirits and good luck from Pennsylvania's Day at the Races into the fall months for broodmare domicile.

As a reminder, broodmares must be in the state by Nov. 1, or within 14 days of a sale. Previously the deadline was Oct. 1, so please make note of this change. Coinciding with the new dates, broodmare domicile reports must be submitted to the PHBA by Nov. 15.

Forms can be found online at www.pabred.com/forms. It would be greatly appreciated if you can fill out and submit the form online. If you are unable to submit the form online, you may either print out a report and mail it in, or let us know and we'll mail a copy to you.



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The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, race tracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2016 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD. Proposed 2016 schedule—dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change. Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., May 28 Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Devilwentogeorgia, 2nd-Rock Me Again, 3rd-Devilish Love
Sat., June 4 Parx	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Roxbury N Overton, 2nd-He's Got Talent, 3rd-Bump Start
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Disco Chick, 2nd-Rockin Jojo, 3rd-Ignite
Sat., June 11 Penn	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur. 1st-Rolin With Olin, 2nd-Jaguar Poz, 3rd-Bird of Trey
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Behrnik's Bank, 2nd-Authoritative, 3rd-Its a Journey
Sun., July 10, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Dynamic Strike, 2nd-Granny's Kitten, 3rd-Grand Old Game
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Bound, 2nd-R Frosty One, 3rd-Valued Strike
Sat., July 23, Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Saratoga Jack, 2nd-Wychmere, 3rd-Smarty Mr D
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st-Fat Kat, 2nd-Royal Renege, 3rd-Persnickity
Sat., Aug. 6, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Raging Market, 3rd-Granny's Kitten
Sun., Aug. 7, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi. 1st-Lucabunny, 2nd-Hey Monba, 3rd-War Baby
Sat., Sept. 3 Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st-A Fleet Attitude, 2nd-Purcell, 3rd-He's Got Talent
PA Day At Races	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st-Kobel, 2nd-Res Judicata, 3rd-Monkey's Medal
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf 1st-Winning the Medal, 2nd-Rapid Dan, 3rd (DH)-Agonistic, Spartianos
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st-Black Mission Fig, 2nd-Disco Chick, 3rd-Authoritative
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Valued Strike, 2nd-Devilwentogeorgia, 3rd-Pink Elephant
	Sun., Sept. 4, \$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur. PID 1st-Diamond Dollar, 2nd-Sixers City, 3rd-Howbouthemcowboys
Sun., Sept. 18, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 24, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 8 Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 23, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 3, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,200,000

PA Day at the Races *continued from page 2*



Cindy Dawson and Ed Price



Bob Bianco, David Hayden, Brian Sanfratello and Pat Chapman



PHBA Board Member Sue Meckling and granddaughter Hailie Meckling



A Fleet Attitude (Frankie Pennington aboard) is joined by Sean Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Keman Jr., and trainer Marcos Zulueta in the winner's circle after his Banjo Picker Sprint victory.

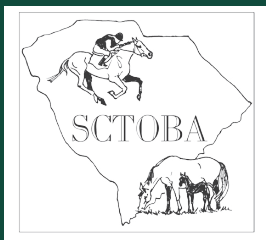


Presentation for the Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes: trainer Michael Lerman, jockey Paco Lopez, Ted Vanderlaan, brother to Teresa Garofalo, and Brian Sanfratello.



Valued Strike with H. Graham Motion staffers in winner's circle for Mrs. Penny Stakes, jockey Trevor McCarthy aboard.





South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

Racing Across the Nation

South Carolina training center graduates continue to shine from coast to coast. Between July 21 and Aug. 20, 14 won stakes, including five of the graded variety.

On July 23, **HIT IT ONCE MORE** led wire-to-wire in the New York Derby at Finger Lakes, winning by 6½ lengths. This colt was prepared for racing under the direction of Kip Elser at Kirkwood Stables in Camden. On the same day, **SARATOGA JACK** hit the wire first in the Crowd Pleaser Stakes at Parx Racing. He also led wire-to-wire, coming home 5¾ lengths ahead of the second-place finisher. Saratoga Jack progressed through Webb Carroll and Travis Durr's program in St. Matthews.

On July 30, **STELLAR WIND**, the Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old filly of 2015, captured the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes-G1 at Del Mar. She stalked the pace to the top of the stretch, then outdueled champion Beholder to the wire to win by a half length. She received her early lessons from Franklin "Goree" Smith at the Ellore Training Center.

The next day, **BRADESTER** and **CURALINA** captured graded stakes. Bradester earned his 10th career victory in the Monmouth Cup-G2 over a sloppy track. He went right to the front and led the field around the track, winning by 2½ lengths. Cary Frommer had him under her care leading up to his racing debut.

Curalina, the 2015 Aiken Trained Horse of the Year, gained her fourth graded stakes win in 11 starts, including three Grade 1s. Her most recent was Saratoga's Shuvee Handicap-G3. Second turning for home, Curalina took command and proved much the best, scoring by 9½ lengths. While in Aiken as a yearling and 2-year-old, she was



Stellar Wind winning Grade 1 Clement L. Hirsch at Del Mar.

under the care of Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens' Legacy Stable.

On Aug. 4, 2-year-old **GREAT-BULLSOFFIRE** made it two wins in two starts when taking the Strike Your Colors Stakes at Delaware Park. This son of Bullsbay took the lead in the turn and came home a 2½ length winner. He is an Ellore Training Center grad.

CAMELOT KITTEN proved best in the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes-G2 at Saratoga Aug. 5. Fourth for the first half-mile, he got up by a nose in an exciting stretch drive. The Webb Carroll Training Center graduate has won three graded stakes in nine starts.

EDGE OF REALITY did Donna Freyer's yearling program proud winning the Robellino Stakes at Penn National Aug. 6. Edge of Reality had only two beat early before coming five-wide into the stretch and winning by a length over the turf.

FREE ROSE, another Webb Carroll/Travis Durr graduate, won the Grade 3 La Jolla Handicap at Del Mar Aug. 6. He broke on top and never looked back

to win by a half length as the second longest shot in the 10-horse field.

On Aug. 7, **DR BLARNEY** went off as the 2-5 favorite in the Last Dance Stakes at Suffolk Downs. He ran like a 1-20 shot! Second early on, he took control after three-eighths and galloped home a 19-length winner. Lucia Carroll taught Dr Blarney to run just like that when he was a yearling at her Easy Breeze Farm.

The 2-year-old filly **BLING ON THE MUSIC** made it three wins in a row and stayed undefeated when beating the boys in the Gold Rush Futurity at Arapahoe Park Aug. 14. Prominent early, she drew clear in the stretch to win by 13 lengths. Bling On the Music received her early lessons at Fred and Wilhelmina McEwan's Fenwick Farm in Camden.

FREE N CLEAR was just that at the finish line following the running of the New York Stallion Series Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 11. In a well judged ride by Junior Alvarado, Free N Clear was third early before briefly dropping back to fourth. At the sixteenth pole, the daughter of Bluegrass Cat put her head in front and came home a half length winner. Free N Clear learned her early lessons from Webb Carroll and Travis Durr.

LOVABLE LADY garnered love from all who bet on her in the Jameala Stakes at Laurel Park Aug. 20. In a relentless drive, the 5-year-old mare came from fifth to win her stakes debut by a half length. She is a product of Randy Rentz's operation in Ehrhardt.

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Horse	Training Center	Date	Track	Type of Race
Cold Snack Thirty	McCutchen Training Center	8/20/16	Mountaineer	Allowance
LOVABLE LADY	Rentz Farms	8/20/16	Laurel Park	Jameela S
Philly Mignon	McCutchen Training Center	8/20/16	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Lenny	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/18/16	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Proud Maxx	Kirkwood Stables	8/17/16	Thistledown	Allowance
Regalya	Aiken - Legacy Stable	8/16/16	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden special weight
Warrior Call	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/15/16	Delaware Park	Allowance
BLING ON THE MUSIC	Fenwick Farm	8/14/16	Arapahoe Park	Gold Rush Futurity
HOPPING NOT HOPING	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/13/16	Woodbine	Shady Well S
Indian Bucks	Easy Breeze	8/13/16	Laurel Park	Starter allowance
Spartianos	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/13/16	Laurel Park	Allowance
Consequential	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/12/16	Ellis Park	Maiden special weight
Diamond Dollar	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/11/16	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden special weight
Diamondette	Aiken - Bohlman	8/11/16	Arlington Park	Maiden special weight.
FREE N CLEAR	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/11/16	Saratoga	New York Stallion Series S
Island Ice	Rentz Farms	8/11/16	Penn National	Maiden special weight
Rico Capote	Easy Breeze	8/11/16	Finger Lakes	Claiming
Tide Is High	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/10/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Mister Nofty	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/9/16	Parx Racing	Allowance
Kundray	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/8/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Trade Zone	Aiken - Darley	8/8/16	Saratoga	Maiden special weight
Barrel of Dreams	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/7/16	Saratoga	Starter allowance
Cash Crop	Arch Kingsley	8/7/16	Suffolk Downs	Claiming
DR BLARNEY	Easy Breeze	8/7/16	Suffolk Downs	Last Dance S
Attraction	Holly Hill Training Center	8/6/16	Ellis Park	Maiden special weight
Brother O'Connell	Elloree Training Center	8/6/16	Suffolk Downs	Allowance
Duval	Kirkwood Stables	8/6/16	Parx Racing	Allowance
EDGE OF REALITY	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/6/16	Penn National	Robellino S
FREE ROSE	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/6/16	Del Mar	La Jolla H-G3
Mayor Mac	Elloree Training Center	8/6/16	Ellis Park	Allowance
Skinflint	McCutchen Training Center	8/6/16	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
CAMELOT KITTEN	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/5/16	Saratoga	Nat'l Racing Museum Hall of Fame-G2
North Ocean	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/5/16	Monmouth Park	Starter allowance
Unbridled Lion	Elloree Training Center	8/5/16	Laurel Park	Allowance
GREATBULLSOFFIRE	Elloree Training Center	8/4/16	Delaware Park	Strike Your Colors S
Lady Fog Horn	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/4/16	Indiana Grand	Allowance
Passporttovictory	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/4/16	Saratoga	Maiden special weight
Silver Bop	McCutchen Training Center	8/3/16	Mountaineer	Allowance
Valued Strike	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/2/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Wiedersehen	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/2/16	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance
Brimstone	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/1/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Fireball Merlin	Aiken - Mike Keogh	8/1/16	Woodbine	Allowance
BRADESTER	Aiken - Cary Frommer	7/31/16	Monmouth Park	Monmouth Cup S-G2
CURALINA	Aiken - Legacy Stable	7/31/16	Saratoga	Shuvee H-G2
Egyptian Honey	Kirkwood Stables	7/31/16	Belterra Park	Allowance
Kiss to Remember	Elloree Training Center	7/31/16	Gulfstream Park	Allowance
Tapa Tapa Tapa	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	7/31/16	Woodbine	Maiden special weight
Aussie Prayer	Aiken - Legacy Stable	7/30/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Oatfield	Elloree Training Center	7/30/16	Ellis Park	Maiden special weight
Shinkansen	Kirkwood Stables	7/30/16	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
STELLAR WIND	Elloree Training Center	7/30/16	Del Mar	Clement L. Hirsch-G1
Helgoland	Shuler Stables	7/29/16	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Just Jack	Elloree Training Center	7/29/16	Laurel Park	Allowance
Kittycat Heir	Shuler Stables	7/29/16	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Benevolence	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/28/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Spartiatia	Kirkwood Stables	7/28/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Safe With Me	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/27/16	Saratoga	Maiden special weight
Not About the Nail	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	7/26/16	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Ultimate Destiny	Aiken - Mike Keogh	7/26/16	Fort Erie	Allowance
Lady Joan	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	7/25/16	Saratoga	Maiden special weight
Watershed	Aiken - Darley	7/25/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Derby Champagne	Holly Hill Training Center	7/24/16	Saratoga	Starter allowance
Duff	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	7/23/16	Thistledown	Allowance
HIT IT ONCE MORE	Kirkwood Stables	7/23/16	Finger Lakes	New York Derby
Ignotus	Rentz Farms	7/23/16	Penn National	Maiden special weight
SARATOGA JACK	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/23/16	Parx Racing	Crowd Pleaser S
Tale of Verve	Elloree Training Center	7/23/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Hopping Not Hoping	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/22/16	Woodbine	Maiden special weight
Sentiero Italia	Aiken - Darley	7/22/16	Saratoga	Allowance
Zapperini	Elloree Training Center	7/22/16	Ellis Park	Allowance
Uncle Brennie	Webb Carroll Training Center	7/21/16	Indiana Grand	Allowance



VIRGINIA

Virginia-Bred Explore Becomes First Horse To Win A Third Bonus In New VTA/HBPA Owner's Incentive Program

Two months have now passed since the VTA and HBPA Virginia-Bred Owners Bonus program began and through Labor Day weekend, 45 owners had won a 25% bonus on top of purse earnings collected. The financial incentive is awarded to any owner of a Virginia-bred or sired horse that wins an overnight race in the Mid-Atlantic region --- either in Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York or New Jersey.

Congratulations to the connections of Explore, who won his third straight race at Mountaineer Park August 29th and became the first Virginia-bred to score a third bonus for owner, the LVR Stable, since the program began July 1st. The 5 year old Stroll gelding won that \$12,000 one mile starter race by a head margin. He also collected triumphs July 18th and August 10th. Out of the Giant's Causeway mare, Elsie Jay, Explore was bred by Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Firestone.

Porte Cochere and Runninginthevale have each won a pair of bonuses now since the program's inception. The former collected wins at Laurel on July 3rd and August 12th while the latter won at Delaware August 24th and at Laurel back on July 4th. The pair are owned respectively by the Sheffield Stable and Mary Slade.

Frankin Storm had a big upset win at Charles Town August 19th. The 3 year old son of Fierce Wind was 8 3/4 lengths better at the finish after wiring the field and paying an impressive \$38.60 to win. He was bred by Susan Minor and is owned by Diana Chinn.

Other Virginia-bred bonus winning horses from the past month include Perfect Trace, Really Boppin, Bird Call, Gem, Grace Is Ready, Mr. Magician,



Explore wins his third straight race at Mountaineer Park August 29th and his third owners bonus since the incentive program began July 1st. Photo by Coady Photography.

Titan Alexander, Super Bird, Way Up High, Ring Knocker, Pelesh Castle, Town Leader, CD Bodemester, Church Monkey, Envious Bid and Lawyer Dave.

Just a reminder that it is the responsibility of the bonus winning owners to contact the VTA and submit a W-9 form. Bonus checks will be sent out at the end of each month. Owners can contact Debbie Easter or Janice Pfund at 434-977-3716.

Pari-Mutuel Harness Racing Comes To The Shenandoah Valley

Harness racing is alive and well in Virginia and for the first time ever, it is being held in the Shenandoah Valley. The Virginia Downs Foundation is in the midst of hosting that pari-mutuel season at the Shenandoah Fairgrounds in Woodstock, located halfway between Winchester and Harrisonburg off I-81. The fall meet, which began September 10th, will continue every Saturday and Sunday through October 9th with a daily post time of 1:00 PM. Pacers and trotters compete in up to ten races each day and five different kinds of wagers are available for fans to bet --- win, place, show, exacta and trifecta.

The Foundation worked in concert with three organizations to put this ambitious project together: The Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), the Virginia Harness

Horsemen's Association (VHHA) and the Shenandoah County Fair Association. The three groups came up with a long term plan to ensure the future of standardbred racing in the state and as a result, a 20 year lease was signed with the Fair Association.

The VEA will operate the meet and provide racing office staff. The VHHA will fund the purses, which average \$50,000 per race day. And the County Fair Association not only welcomed harness racing to their property, but facilitated an upgrade to their half mile oval which has seen

the track widened, turns banked, camera towers installed, and a permanent concert stage and tractor pull strip relocated. In past years during Fair races, only four or five horses could line up behind the starter's car due to the limited track width. Now, eight horses can line up behind the starting gate and compete over a first class surface.

Non-wagering fair races have been held at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds for 98 years, and the 99th edition took place this year from August 31st - September 3rd, prior to the start of the new five week season. Pari-mutuel harness racing had previously been held at Colonial Downs in New Kent from 1998-2014, and at the Oak Ridge Estate in Nelson County last year over back-to-back weekends in October.

Dr. Scott Woogen, VHHA President, commented on the transition of harness racing from Colonial Downs to Shenandoah Downs. "As a non-profit group, the VEA is in a unique position to move racing forward. All the money generated from live racing, Off Track Betting and Advance Deposit Wagering will be used to create racing opportunities and to promote the sport," said Woogen, who is an active participant in the Billings Amateur Driving Series. "Colonial Downs was convenient and beautiful, but it was not meant for live harness racing. The track



One Go All Go, bred by Albert Coppola, captured the Grade 2 Commonwealth Derby at Laurel last fall. This year's Derby is slated for September 24th. Photo by Jim McCue.

was too big and spectators were too far away from the horses. At Shenandoah, fans will be able to see the horses up close, plus the track goes back to the county fair roots of racing. There is significant enthusiasm about this meet from everyone involved."

Tom Eshelman, GM of the Shenandoah County Fair Association, has put together a slate of events at the Fairgrounds to complement the fall weekend races and expose those attendees to the harness product. "We've got food and beverage themed festivals planned almost every weekend, where the focus will be on aspects like seafood, chili, craft beer, wine and food trucks., We'll offer race goers an added value to their day too."

Virginia Breeder's Fund Yearling Futurity Results

The \$15,000 Virginia Breeder's Fund Yearling Futurity was held September 3rd at the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds and Althea Richards took

honors for both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion respectively with Kelly Green (colt) and the 2015 filly out of Darting. Three Chimney's Chris Baker served as the judge.

Richards' Kelly Green, by Jump Start out of Green Jeans by Green Dancer, is a full brother to Just Call Kenny, who also was a champion as a yearling. The now

5 year old horse has earned \$291,735 in his career from 21 starts.

Others that advanced to the championship class were Richards' Reserve Champ, the second place colt, Clark's Kryptonite, bred by Richard Sanders and owned by Riverview Farm, LLC and the 2015 filly out of Fluxx by Include, bred and owned by Morgan's Ford Farm.

Third place finisher in the colt division was a 2015 Orb colt out of Miss Greenley, bred and owned by Jim & Katie Fitzgerald and Rick Leesley. Third place filly was the 2015 Sidney's Candy filly out of Un Blessed, bred and owned by Morgan's Ford Farm.

Virginia-Bred Stakes Day at Laurel Slated For September 24th

The annual Virginia-Bred Stakes Day at Laurel is scheduled for Saturday September 24th at Maryland's Laurel Park and this year, a total of eight turf stakes are on the program. The

traditional five, at a \$60,000 purse level and open to Commonwealth-bred horses, include the Jamestown, Punch Line, Oakley, Bert Allen and Brookmeade Stakes. The first three are sprints at 5 1/2 furlongs and the latter pair are at the 1 1/16 miles distance.

A trio of graded stakes, all of which were held at Colonial Downs at one time, will also be contested. A pair of Grade 2, \$200,000 stakes --- the Commonwealth Turf Cup and Commonwealth Derby --- share co-headlining status, and the Grade 3, \$150,000 Commonwealth Oaks will complement the pair.

Last year, the afternoon featured deep fields, exciting finishes and large wagering pools. The VEA encourages all fans of Virginia racing to attend this year, not just for a great race day, but to check out many of the renovations and upgrades that have taken place at nearby Laurel Park.

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West Virginia-bred appeal is increasing statewide

by Jeff Gilleas

Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack & Resort has been blessed with national media coverage and enduring regional support whenever the crowd-pleasing West Virginia Derby is on the racing calendar. To validate its sovereign effectiveness, the last three runnings of the \$750,000 Grade 2 event have been won by legendary horsemen Steve Asmussen, Todd Pletcher and Bob Baffert.

This year a slight twist was added, courtesy of the racing department – incorporating two accredited West Virginia-bred \$100,000 stakes races into the mix. The normal nighttime facility hosted patrons by the light of the day with a 2 p.m. post time.

The opening feature on the nine-race stakes card was the Hancock County for West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 years old and upward.

Many Charles Town trainers made the five-hour journey to the

western portion of the state hoping to harvest a sizable payday while encountering very recognizable competition.

Red Hot Diva (Figgins), Chrome Mine (Walters), Cuppa Mocha Mojo (Walters), Navy Ribbon (Runco) and Spa Creek (Runco) were among erstwhile challengers who regularly contest the red clay/sand of Charles Town.

Fans flocked to the steady runner Red Hot Diva and backed her down to 3-2 odds by post time. On form, her late kick appeared ideally suited to the mile track at Mountaineer.

As is generally the case with a race dominated with closers, speed becomes a necessary component for that kick to be triumphant.

Well, that's just what materialized in the field of 11 fillies and mares as Shehasit Too blazed a half mile in 45.53 seconds.

The usual array of mid-pack horses had no apparent excuse; in the end however it was 6-year-old

Spa Creek who seemed to sprout wings, launching a seven-wide bid to take the top prize of \$58,800.

Last early in the 6-furlong contest, the daughter of Smoke Glacken out of the Sky Classic mare Rutledge Dancer battled the race's lukewarm second choice, Moonshine Promise, to prevail by 2¼ lengths. The winner was bred by Rutledge Farm and owned by Coleswood Farm Inc. and David Raim.

Guiding the mare to victory was one of Mountaineer's leading riders, Luis Quinones.

In the fourth race, another group of seasoned Charles Town opponents met in the \$100,000 Northern Panhandle Stakes. Russell Road (Jim Casey), Slip the Cable (Runco), Prince of Windsor (Figgins), Ello Govna (Figgins), Hear the Chatter (John Casey) and In the Fairway (Runco) stole the headlines in the 6-furlong race dedicated to 3-year-old and upward males.

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Lukewarm favoritism went to the ultra-sharp Figgins invader Ello Govna. But more accomplished veterans like Russell Road and In the Fairway disputed the toteboard's selection, preferring to answer with their performances on the track.

Russell Road, now 10 years old, battled Slip the Cable through a blistering quarter mile in :21.94 and tipped the half in :45.30. The gallant veteran tried to meet the challenge of 6-year-old In the Fairway turning for home, but wasn't good enough thru the lane on this gala afternoon of racing.

In the Fairway bid adieu to Russell Road (whose second place check allowed him to top \$2 million in earnings) and accelerated powerfully to a 6½-length win, with a final clocking of 1:10.58. A strapping, good feeling son of Posse who has 13 wins to his credit, eight in stakes, In the Fairway appears more focused and manageable since being gelded earlier this year.

Owned by his breeder, Coleswood Farm, and trained by Jeff Runco, he has collected two stakes scores in five starts this year and now has career earnings of \$486,469.

of T Rex Express, the latter appearing content to stalk in second.

Through an opening half mile in :47.31, the pace didn't appear particularly taxing on the leaders. But moving up was 25-1 overlay Return to Denis, as well as All About Attitude.

An eighth of a mile from pay dirt it came down to three of the hardest riding jockeys in the Charles Town colony: Christian Hiraldo, Arnaldo Bocachica and J.D. Acosta.

Return to Denis (Hiraldo) moved abreast of T Rex Express (Bocachica), as All About Attitude (Acosta) shifted out for clear sailing and Jacky's Notion started to give way down on the rail. Nearing the wire it was ultra-consistent Return to Denis, under intense left hand urging, who captured the Bishop by a half length over T Rex Express, who gamely held onto second, with All About Attitude another 1¼ lengths back in third.

Return to Denis, a homegrown product of Taylor Mountain Farm (James W. Casey) collected \$30,660 for her stakes debut and now has three firsts, three seconds and three thirds in 10 career outings.

The bay filly by Taylor Mountain stallion Denis of Cork out of the winning Put It Back mare Return Trick, pushed her lifetime earnings to \$81,050.

Hiraldo revealed his strategy for success, "I handicapped the race and felt if my filly could just try and track T Rex Express I could jump on her late.

"I got a good pace which worked to my advantage, and my filly ran her best race ever. Thank you Mr. Casey and the barn and my best friend Antonio Lopez, who chose the other Casey filly tonight, Groom Scholarship, to ride." Groom Scholarship finished fifth.

Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes

Anyone born and raised in close proximity to Charles Town has either known someone that is affiliated with the racetrack or has been intimately involved with the area's largest form of entertainment/employer.

One name that is synonymous with local Thoroughbred racing, particularly its extensive history, was honored Saturday, Aug. 27 with the running of the Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes.

The \$50,000 7-furlong stakes restricted to registered accredited West Virginia Bred 3-year-old fillies is named for one of the esteemed female trailblazers in West Virginia racing. Many of Bishop's family members gathered in the post-race ceremonies to pay respect to their Grand Dame of American Racing.

The majority of the select group of fillies entered were seeking their first stakes success. Consistency and sharp current form were in vogue

as T Rex Express, sporting a five-race win streak, was the 2-5 favorite.

Notables on hand attempting to upset the prohibitive choice were Jacky's Notion and All About Attitude, the only others in the field of eight at less than double-digit odds. Familiar names like Casey, Walters and Runco led the parade of conditioners into the saddling enclosure.

The hot and humid evening had many of the fillies sweating profusely during warm-ups, except T Rex Express and All About Attitude, who looked grand under the artificial luminescence.

When the gates sprung open Shehasit Too bounded for the early lead, followed by T Rex Express and a keen Jacky's Notion hugging the inner rail. Once the fillies straightened away for the long run down the backstretch, Oscar Flores seized the advantage on Jacky's Notion, who poked her head in front

NOTES TO MEMBERS

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, www.racing.wv.gov.

◆ If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired

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receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.

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A successful Saratoga jumps meet

American Steeplechasing concluded a successful six-week Saratoga Race Course season with increases in starters, highly competitive racing, and an improved safety record.

In all, nine jump races were run at Saratoga between July 27 and Sept. 1. Despite one less race this year, the number of starters increased 9% to 73 starters. The larger number of starters drove the average field size upward to 8.1 starters per race, compared with 6.7 starters per race in 2015.

National Steeplechase Association President Guy J. Torsilieri praised the work of NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo Jr. in putting together a successful Saratoga racing program. "I congratulate Bill Gallo on doing an excellent job this summer in Saratoga. It is never an easy task, but he did a fabulous job balancing a very light inventory and carding some very nice competitive racing," Torsilieri said.

"We are very grateful for the support of our owners and trainers for the vitally important Saratoga meet," Gallo said. "With their support, we were able to offer races with large betting fields, and the races were very competitive."

Indeed, four of the nine races were settled by a length or less at the finish line, compared with one race in 2015 with as close a finish. The \$70,000 overnight handicap on Aug. 3 featured a stretch-long battle between Dr. Skip and Top Striker, with Clorevia Farm's Dr. Skip prevailing by a nose on a head bob at the finish line.

With the fence at the furlong pole removed for the final run down Saratoga Race Course's stretch, only one racing incident, a lost rider, occurred in all of the 2016 season. A year earlier, nine racing incidents had occurred. Only two horses failed to finish the course in the current season, compared with 14 in 2015.

Dr. Scott Palmer, the New York State Gaming Commission's equine director, recommended removal of the final stretch fence, and his suggestion was adopted by the New York Racing Association



The Fields Stable's Portrade and jockey Gus Dahl jumped a fence in the New York Turf Writers Cup.

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and the NSA.

"The results speak for themselves and confirm the wisdom of Dr. Palmer's recommendation," Gallo said. "We had several close finishes with the three-furlong flat run to the finish, and more horses completed the course."

The Fields Stable and Elizabeth Voss were the leading owner and trainer by purses after winning both Grade 1 races at Saratoga, the \$125,000 A. P. Smithwick Memorial and New York Turf Writers Cup. The Smithwick Memorial was won by ill-

fated Bob Le Beau, and Portrade wired the New York Turf Writers in a driving finish.

Virginia Lazenby and trainer Doug Fout also notched two allowance hurdle victories with Help From Heaven and Hardrock Eleven.

The second Go Jump Racing Saratoga Hospitality Tent, staged by the NSA's Promotion and Growth Committee on New York Turf Writers day, highlighted the many advantages of steeplechase racing and attracted approximately 80 guests from jump and flat racing.



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Far Hills ads hit the roads and the rails

The Far Hills Race Association has launched an innovative marketing campaign for its Oct. 15 meet that literally puts steeplechase racing on wheels and rails.

Ads touting the upcoming meet fill the sides of New Jersey Transit buses in central and northern New Jersey.

To highlight its relocated Chairman's Pavilion, Far Hills ads also appear in New Jersey Transit subway stations for trains that link New Jersey and Manhattan.

The Chairman's Pavilion, a top-level venue, has been relocated to trackside for the 2016 meet, which will feature a total of \$700,000 in purses, up \$100,000 from last year. The \$350,000 Grand National (Gr. 1) is expected to attract international competitors.



Far Hills is marketing its relocated Chairman's Pavilion in New Jersey Transit stations.

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Steeplechasing featured in Weekend

American Steeplechasing is one of the featured topics in the September issue of Thoroughbred Daily News' Weekend magazine, an elegantly designed online monthly publication.

The magazine can be accessed at:

<http://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/weekend/2016/september/>

Written by Eclipse Award winner Bill Finley, the article focuses on the fall meets while providing a panoramic view of the sport. In particular, Finley notes that steeplechase race meets typically attract some of the largest crowds in all of Thoroughbred racing, and fans turn out for an afternoon of racing and enjoyment at all times of the year.

The eight-page spread also provides in-depth profiles of four fall race meets: Far Hills, the International Gold Cup, the Montpelier Hunt Races, and the Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup.

The Thoroughbred industry's most widely distributed daily online publication worldwide, Thoroughbred Daily News has been a focus of National Steeplechase Association marketing through the summer and fall.

Ads in TDN's International section have informed overseas trainers of the rich opportunities on the fall NSA schedule, and ads in the U.S. pages of TDN have highlighted the growth occurring in American Steeplechasing.



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Youth: Maryland's dominant International turf star

In the 20th century, 63 runners bred in the Mid-Atlantic were named national champions. Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred takes a look at one of those luminaries.

He was the incidental Maryland-bred. Billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt's homebred Youth—a champion in two countries at 3—was born in Maryland for one reason only. His dam *Gazala II, a young daughter of Kentucky Derby winner Dark Star, was sent to the court of Northern Dancer at Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City. She delivered her Ack Ack colt at Windfields April 12, 1973. Unfortunately for Hunt, *Gazala II did not get in foal, and she and her son were back in Kentucky that summer.

Although Youth's connection to Maryland was brief, it didn't dampen state pride, as three years later he was named Maryland-bred Horse of the Year.

Youth was on the move again as a yearling, when he made the journey to France. *Gazala II was a champion in that country at 3, winning two classics, and her first son, Mississippian, was champion 2-year-old in France the year Youth was born. Under the tutelage of Maurice Zilber, Youth made his



first five starts at Longchamp. Winner of his debut at 2, he finished second in the Prix Saint Roman-G3 that fall (to Northern Dancer's son Far North) and was put away until the next spring.

Youth returned spectacularly, winning four group stakes in succession: the Prix Greffulhe-G2, Prix Daru-G2 (by 4 lengths), Prix Lupin-G1 (over Arctic Tern) and the classic Prix du Jockey Club-G1 (the French Derby) at Chantilly, effectively sealing the championship title. A trip to Eng-

land for the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes-G1 at Ascot was a disaster, so the return to Longchamp in September was much welcomed, resulting with a win in the Prix Niel-G3.

In his seventh start at 3, Youth contested one of Europe's supreme tests, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-G1. He finished third behind Ivanjica. Twenty days later, Youth was racing in Canada.

He made two starts in North America, both Grade 1s, and clinched the Eclipse Award as champion turf horse. He dominated the Canadian International Championship, winning by 4 lengths with a chart comment "as rider pleased." Two weeks later he returned to Maryland. Appearing at Laurel for the Washington, D.C., International, a race that also attracted Ivanjica, Youth won by 10 lengths. Ivanjica was third.

Immediately retired to Gainesway Farm in Kentucky, Youth proved somewhat a failure, siring just 18 stakes winners from 516 foals, although one was English Derby winner Teenoso. He eventually was sold to stand in Brazil.

Youth proved better as a broodmare sire, as his daughters produced nearly 40 stakes winners.

The postman turned hunter, author

The National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va., is dedicated to preserving, sharing and promoting the literature, art and culture of horse and field sports. For more, see nslmblog.wordpress.com. The following is by Nicole Stribling, Curator of Permanent Collections.

A book in the NSLM collection, called *Hunting Sketches*, wouldn't exist without a string of failed careers (including a miserable stint for the postal service) across three countries. The book is by Anthony Trollope (1815-1882) and was first printed in 1865.

Today, Trollope is recognized as one of the most prolific novelists of the Victorian era, but he took a long path to get there. At 19 years old, he worked for some time as a tutor and flirted with joining the cavalry before taking a position as a clerk in the General Post Office. His stint there was a failure, leading to a transfer to Ireland as a postal inspector.



Trollope found almost immediately that Ireland agreed with him. His stipend went further, and Trollope began foxhunting and continued to do so for much of the rest of his life.

Trollope's new job was heavy on travel, and he spent much of his time on trains, giving him time to write his novels. The rest, as they say, is history. *Hunting Sketches* is a mild, witty, and insightful look into hunting and its popular reception during



Illustration by Robert Ball, from the 1933 edition of Hunting Sketches, which consists of essays about hunting in the mid-19th Century.

Trollope's time. Because Trollope endured years of failure at a postal worker, his observations are available to us today.

Looking Back

25 years ago

■ Octogenarians Anderson Fowler and his trainer Buddy Raines were on a roll and making Maryland Million history. For the third straight year they took home Waterford crystal trophies for the Classic, the featured race of the day. Timely Warning, Fowler's homebred son of Caveat, returned to defend his title in the sixth running of the Classic. Master Speaker kicked off the streak when winning the race in 1989.



Fowler, a resident of Gladstone, N.J., had bred and raced horses in Maryland for some 40 years, many foaled in the state at his daughter and son-in-law Binnie and Eddie Houghton's Buckingham Farm in Chestertown.

Riding Timely Warning to the Classic victory was Raines' grandson Mike Luzzi.

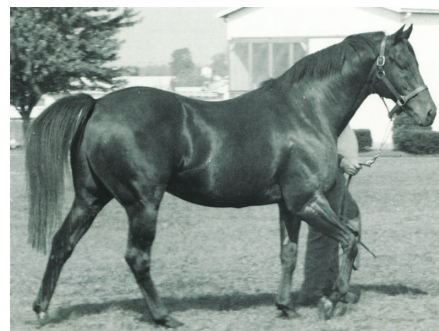
■ Repeaters were the norm that Maryland Million Day, as also winning were the outstanding racemares Safely Kept and Countus In, who accounted for their third consecutive scores in the Distaff and Ladies, respectively.

■ The 1991 TOBA Breeder of the Year from Maryland was Bayard Sharp, a pillar of the sport for nearly 50 years. While most of his horses, including 15 broodmares and 15 horses in training, were headquartered at his 750-acre Sharp Farm in Middletown, Del., the majority of his homebreds were foaled in Maryland, including Dixieland Band. Overseeing the operation was Sharp's longtime trainer Charlie Peoples. "We've probably set a world record," noted Sharp. "My trainer and I have been together for 48 years."

■ "Even legends wear out."

Maryland's longtime leading sire Rambunctious was humanely destroyed in July, due to infirmities of old age. He was 31.

The stallion had stood at a number of farms during his long tenure—starting out



Rambunctious in his younger days.

in New Jersey, he moved to Glade Valley in Maryland, then to Harold Herman's farm after Herman purchased a significant interest in 1967, and onward to Windfields before heading to Herman's Red Oak Farm in Darlington.

Rambunctious sired but 14 stakes winners, yet his impact was enormous. His leading daughter was millionaire Jameela, his top son another Maryland sire legend, Rollicking.

■ Joe Allbritton's Lazy Lane Farm in Upperville sold three yearlings at the Keeneland Select sales for a total of \$2.04 million. The top price was a daughter of Mr. Prospector out of Life At the Top, purchased by Darley Stud Management for \$1 million.

The filly was Elizabeth Bay, a group winner and Grade 1-placed who was the best foal produced by her dam, a multiple Grade 1 winner by Seattle Slew.

10 years ago

■ "For an idea of what slot machines at racetracks can mean to the local economy, one need look no further than the Casey family's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town, W.Va.," wrote Lucy Acton about the transformation of the Caseys' new 150-acre farm. A "tired and abandoned parcel of land conceivably awaiting a different fate as an upscale housing development" it had been purchased by the Caseys in the late 1990s and turned into a sizable horse operation within five years.

The history of the stable Jim Casey and his late wife Eleanor launched 20 years earlier and its impact on West Virginia breeding and racing was also detailed.

■ Winning the Delaware Handicap-G2 in 2005 with Island Sand was a life-changing experience for her trainer, Larry Jones,

who made the move from a Kentucky base to Delaware Park the next year. In his first full season at the track, his stable had sent out the likes of New York graded stakes winners Wildcat Bettie B and Hello Liberty, as well as Delaware stakes winners Gasia and Miss Elsie. While Jones never considered himself an "East Coast kind of guy," he believed the Delaware track might be the right place for him. "When I got to hang out on the backstretch, I thought, 'Well, this right here could be a lot like home.'"

■ The 2-year-old filly Dreaming of Anna remained undefeated following a smashing victory in the Tippet Stakes at Colonial Downs, in which she set a course record for 5½ furlongs on the turf. Shipped in from Arlington Park by trainer Wayne Catalano for breeder/owner Frank Calabrese, the Rahy filly completed the distance in 1:01.63.



Larry Jones was enjoying his first year based at Delaware Park with a barn full of stakes winners.

Dreaming of Anna finished a perfect season that year when in her fourth start she captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1, sealing an Eclipse Award. The course record she set at Colonial Downs was never broken.

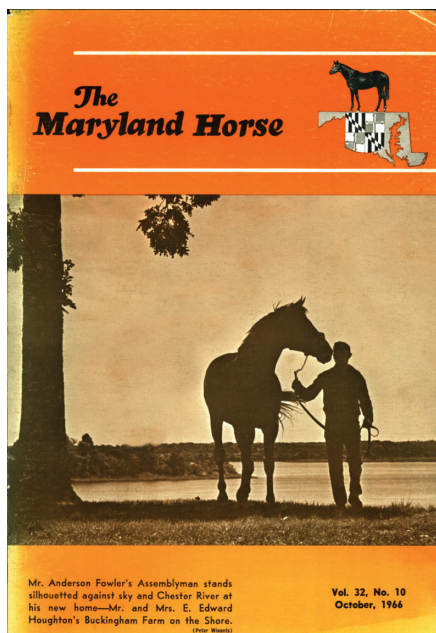
50 years ago

■ In two years, Eddie and Binnie Houghton had transformed their 120-acre purchase of rolling meadows on the bank of the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore into a first-class horse operation named Buckingham Farm. New to the Chestertown farm was the stallion Assemblyman, owned by Mrs. Houghton's father Anderson Fowler. Assemblyman had stood the previous six years at Worthington Farms.

■ Bieber-Jacobs Stable's young broodmare Morning Sunrise, a half-sister to stakes winner Bonjour carrying her first foal to the cover of Native Dancer, was the \$56,000 top price of 86 horses sold on "Dispersal Night," the late September evening sale at Timonium which was also comprised of horses from Glenangus Farms, Hill-N-Dale Farm and the Newmarket Syndicate.

Mrs. George Proskauer of Akron, Ohio, was the top bidder for Morning Sunrise, a 4-year-old daughter of Prince Khaled.

Morning Sunrise produced only one foal, the Native Dancer filly she was carrying. Named Capercaillie, the filly won four of seven starts,



including two stakes, and produced multiple stakes winner Easy Gallop.

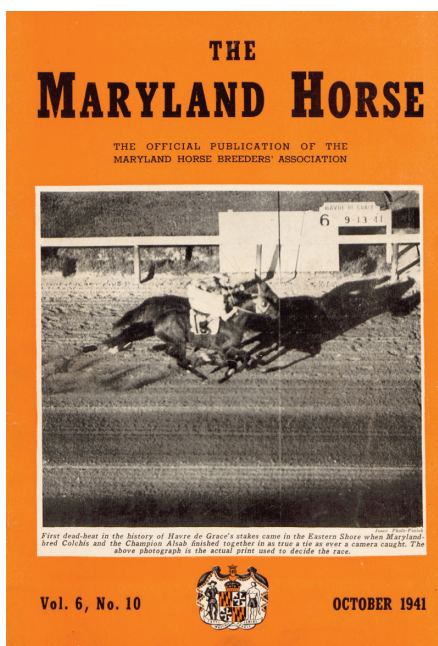
■ "With its pari-mutuel machines and the serene air of county fairs, Fair Hill has long been considered as the model for the jumping-horse scene and perhaps the last stronghold for a game pessimists say is dying," wrote Dale Austin of the fall races at the scenic Maryland course.

The highlight of the two-day meet over successive Saturdays in September was Tuscaloe. "The country boy of the competitors over high obstacles showed his class of by-gone days, capturing the Fair Hill Steeplechase the first Saturday, and returning closing day under a top-heavy 165 pounds to win the 45th running of the Manly Steeplechase," reported Austin.



Mrs. Marion duPont Scott confers with trainer W. Burling Cocks in the Fair Hill paddock.

PETER WINANTS



75 years ago

■ The first deadheat in the history of Havre de Grace's stakes came on opening day in the Eastern Shore, when Maryland-bred Colchis and national champion Alsab

finished together "in as true a tie as ever a camera caught," as evidenced in the photo gracing the cover of *The Maryland Horse*.

■ The Foxcatcher National Cup at Fair Hill was won by Carroll K. Bassett's Irish-bred *Corrigan, who set a new course record of 6 minutes flat, taking five seconds off the previous 3-mile mark, in the race described as the "fall's greatest sporting event."

■ Maryland-bred stakes winners pictured throughout the magazine included Alfred Vanderbilt's 2-year-old filly Petrify, winner of Belmont's Matron Stakes; Stadacona Farm-bred Stimady, who took Belmont's Jerome Handicap; and William Brann's Pictor, winner of the Philadelphia Handicap at Havre de Grace.

■ News from Laurel regarding the upcoming 25-day fall meet stated "There just aren't enough stalls on the grounds for even half of the horses for which stabling application has been made." Laurel had room for 1,200 horses, and applications for 2,600 had been received.

"However, Laurel is fortunate in that the Bowie race track is close by and part of the overflow can be accommodated there."



***Corrigan set a course record in the Foxcatcher National Cup at Fair Hill with W.G. Jones aboard.**

BERT MORGAN

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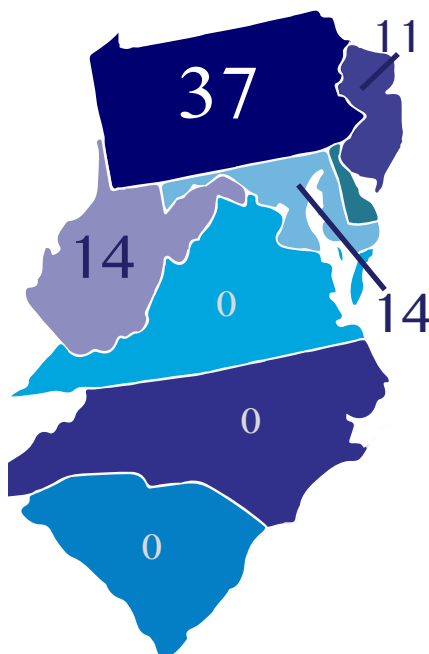
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10 or more
starts

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with zero wins

Entries bred
in the
Mid-Atlantic:

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Top Earners by State

Name	Bred	Starts	Earnings
Sublime Twist	NJ	38	\$116,756
Smart Landing	WV	28	\$119,235
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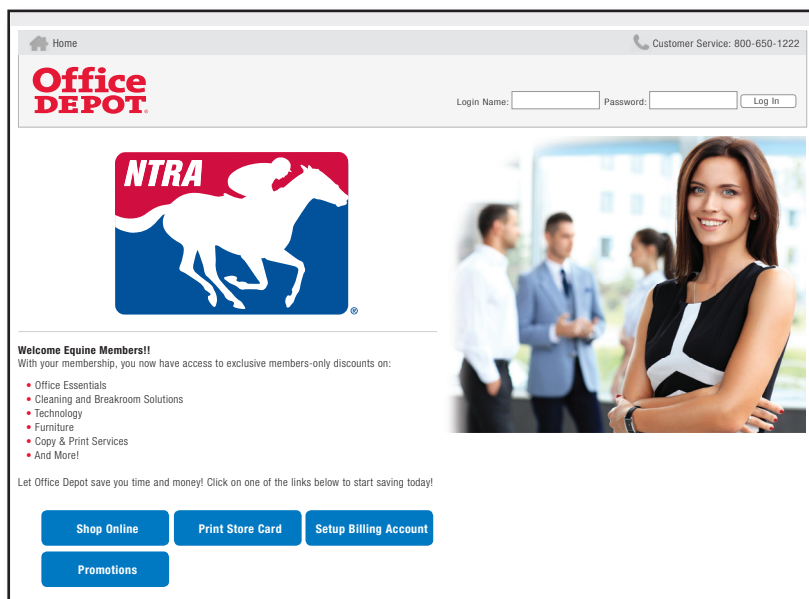
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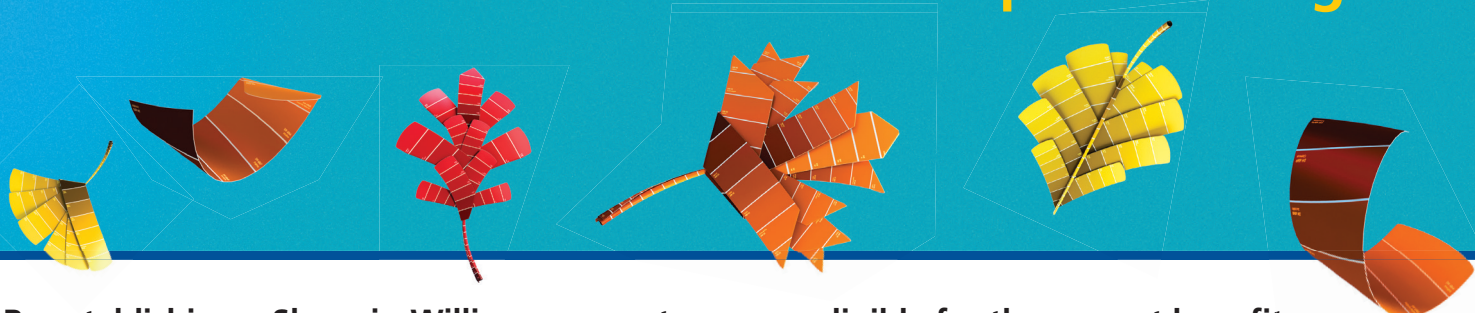
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ACROSTIC

By Vinnie Perrone

Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. **NOTE:** The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES

WORDS

- A. Deputed Testamony's birthplace: 2 wds. 56 129 26 101 66 154 92 138 15 119
- B. Vocation for Oxley or Scharbauer 33 16 48 157 76 133
- C. Northern Dancer's sire 37 127 61 77 11 104 54 140
- D. Belmont or Saratoga course option: 2 wds. 45 107 5 124 71 145 95 28 83
- E. At 9, oldest to win a MD Million Classic: 2 wds. 65 151 80 100 23 142 4 125 41
- F. Garlic & olive oil sauce 150 1 116 63 97
- G. MD-bred won the 2016 KY Oaks: 2 wds. 46 141 82 2 130 60 102
- 35 162 22 67 118 10
- H. Wilwyn won 1st Wash. DC International for this nation 12 50 121 62 36 113 134
- I. On-air track handicapper in NY and FLA: 2 wds. 103 20 38 152 69 136 9 58 84 123 51
- J. KY/ARG sire of Lady Tak, 100-plus stakes winners 86 117 18 132 47 156 30 144 98
- K. Losing, parimutually: 3 wds. 6 163 31 109 87 42 94 143 19
- L. A MD trainer like parents Eddie & Linda: 2 wds. 160 3 137 39 115 85 72 25 55 148 17
- M. British male stablehand 59 99 111
- N. Fibrous tissue joining equine thyroid lobes 158 52 114 24 128 34 75
- O. First WV Breeders Classic winner, 1987: 2 wds. 91 7 122 64 139 79 21 105 43 131
- P. She played Catwoman on *Batman* TV series 126 70 108 149 40 96
- Q. McShane starred in film of Dick Francis novel: 2 wds. 89 135 57 73 29 13 147 110
- R. Had 4 shootout goals in '14 US hockey win vs. Russia 112 90 32 161 78
- S. In front: 3 wds. 106 88 146 44 8 159 68 120 27
- T. MD-based intelligence org. 155 81 53
- U. Denver Broncos star QB-turned team exec. 74 153 14 49 93

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(MARILYN) HAEGELE: CHUMMY FLEET VALID. I'VE SEEN KIDS SHIMMY UP HIS LEGS, AND HE JUST STANDS THERE. I HAD HIM AT A CAR DEALERSHIP ONCE, AND KIDS FOUND SOME BRAMBLES THEY WERE FEEDING HIM, AND HE ATE THEM JUST TO BE POLITE. PEOPLE GOT TO KNOW HIM.

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| A. Hushed | H. Chaps | P. Epitome |
| B. Awoke | I. Hopped start | Q. Ebb |
| C. Estonia | J. Underwhelm | R. Thrash |
| D. Game On Dude | K. Majestic Light | S. Videos |
| E. Entomb | L. Mash | T. Athens |
| F. Lifetime | M. Yeti | U. Lemon Drop Kid |
| G. Eskendereya | N. Fish | V. In jest |
| | O. Lug in | W. Dash |



Did someone say leftovers? These two shared a meal in 1950.

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Photojournalist A. Aubrey Bodine, who worked at the Baltimore *Sun* for 50 years—from 1920 until his death in 1970—captured many scenes of Maryland horses, farms and racing. He was regarded worldwide as one of the finest pictorialists of the 20th century. *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* features his work in Past Time.

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Million-heirs begin with an eligible stallion

THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY

When Maryland Million founder Jim McKay predicted, back in 1986, that the Maryland Million would be imitated, his words turned out to be an understatement. Since then 21 other states and Canada have had special racing days modeled, at least in part, after the Maryland Million. Following is a chronological list of these events, and the years they were introduced.

Year	State/track	Name
1986	Maryland/Laurel	Maryland Million Day
1987	West Virginia/Charles Town	West Virginia Breeders Classics
1989	Ohio/Thistledown	Best of Ohio Series
1990	Arizona/Turf Paradise	Arizona Breeders' Day
1990	California/Santa Anita	California Cup
1990	Illinois/Hawthorne	Illinois Champions Day (formerly Red Letter Day)
1990	New Mexico/Albuquerque	The Lineage
1991	Louisiana/Fair Grounds	Louisiana Champions Day
1991	Nebraska/State Fair Park	Nebraska Breeders' Day
1992	Florida/Calder	Festival of the Sun
1992	Minnesota/Canterbury Downs	Minnesota Festival of Champions
1992	Oregon/Portland Meadows	Oregon Day
1993	Idaho/Les Bois Park	Idaho Cup Day
1993	Iowa/Prairie Meadows	Iowa Classic
1993	Oklahoma/Remington Park	Oklahoma Classics
1993	Texas/Sam Houston	Texas Champions Day
1994	British Columbia/Hastings Park	British Columbia Cup
1994	Kentucky/Turfway Park	Kentucky Cup
1994	New York/Belmont Park	New York Showcase
1997	Canada/Northlands Park	Alberta Fall Classic
1999	California/Hollywood Park	Gold Rush Day
2000	Illinois/Arlington Park	Prairie State Festival
2000	Michigan/Great Lakes Downs	Michigan Festival of Racing
2001	Pennsylvania/Philadelphia Park	Pennsylvania Day at the Races
2001	Texas/Lone Star Park	Stars of Texas Day
2002	Florida and California/ Gulfstream and Santa Anita Parks	Sunshine Millions™
2002	Washington/Emerald Downs	Washington Cup
2002	New Mexico/Ruidoso Downs	Zia Festival
2003	New Jersey/Monmouth Park	New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival
2003	Florida/Tampa Bay	Florida Cup Day
2004	Louisiana/Delta Downs	Louisiana Premier Night
2004	Louisiana/Evangeline Downs	Louisiana Showcase Night
2006	Florida/Calder	Florida Million
2008	Michigan/Pinnacle Race Course	Michigan Sires Showcase
2009	Louisiana/Louisiana Downs	Louisiana Cup
2014	New York/Saratoga	Saratoga Showcase Day

MARYLAND MILLION RUNNERS can—and do—come from anywhere. But each of them must meet certain specified requirements in order to qualify as starters.

To be eligible for the Maryland Million, a horse must be sired by a stallion who stands in Maryland. And that stallion must, himself, be nominated to the Maryland Million. The fee to nominate a stallion to the Maryland Million is an amount equal to the stallion's stud fee.

To remain eligible, a stallion must be renominated every year.

From the launch of the program in 1985 until the breeding season of 2007 (foals of 2008), owners nominated their foals to the Maryland Million. And once nominated, a horse would be eligible to compete throughout his or her racing career.

Starting with the 2008 breeding season (2009 foals), foals no longer need to be nominated—they are automatically certified to run as long as their sire was nominated to the Maryland Million in the year they were conceived.

In 2015, in an attempt to increase field size, registered Maryland-breds not Maryland-sired were able to enter Maryland Million races, only if the race did not fill with six Maryland Million eligible horses.

Nominator awards, totaling 10 percent of the purse for each race, will continue to be paid to the original foal nominators prior to the crop of 2009, and to stallion nominators for all runners. The amount is divided 2 percent to first; 1.5 percent to second; 1 percent to third; and .5 percent to fourth.

Often these awards come several years down the road, after a race horse is no longer owned by the individual who paid the nomination fee.

Although most Maryland Million starters are Maryland-breds, a horse need not be a Maryland-bred in order to compete in these events. A horse is bred in the state in which he is foaled.

Twelve other states and Canada have been represented in the 30 Maryland Million runnings to date. Horses bred in Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia have gone to the post.

Winners have come from a total of eight states and Canada. Seventy-six of the 319 events have gone to horses bred outside of Maryland.

The scorecard for out-of-state runners reads:

Pennsylvania-breds (26)—Belle Visage, Charlie You Know, Classy Coco (2), Docent (3), Gold Glove, Juke Joint, Maddy's Dance, Motherload Hipster, Namequest, Oh My Pride, Pal's Partner, Pocket Patch (2), Presidentialaffair, Pulling Punches, Roadhog (2), Scottsville, Sloane Ranger, Somerset, Sweet Bunny, Valley of the Gods, Varborough

Kentucky-breds (15)—Akronism, Alcovy, Chapel of Dreams, Countus In (3), Darwin, Deputy Shaw, Glow, Herat, King's Swan, Object of Virtue, Richard's Lass (2), Xray

New Jersey-breds (12)—Blinded by Love, Cuba, Frugal Doc, Lil Kiara, Love for Not, Love That Dance (2), Make Azilian (2), Ms. Gold Pole, Mystic Rhythms, Talkin About Love

Virginia-breds (12)—Asserche, Blazing Colors, Debbie Sue, Dismasted, Dixie Colony (2), Doing Great, Night Breeze, Paddy's Landing, Pagan Priestess, Prenup, Punch Line

Canadian-breds (3)—Hear the Bells, Smart Halo, Wave Wise

Florida-breds (3)—First Patriot, Foxs Gold Digger, Ribo Bobo

New York-breds (3)—Along Came Mary, Sarah's Prospect, Shopping for Love

West Virginia-breds (2)—Golden Years, Silver Heart

ATTENDANCE AND BETTING

	Attendance	Betting
Laurel	October 18, 1986—20,103	\$2,655,485
Pimlico	September 19, 1987—20,669	\$2,040,886
Laurel	September 18, 1988—21,223	\$2,079,017
Pimlico	September 10, 1989—22,820*	\$2,367,355*
Pimlico	September 9, 1990—22,108*	\$2,257,892*
Pimlico	September 8, 1991—23,254*	\$2,385,129*
Pimlico	September 26, 1992—24,277*	\$2,797,102*
Laurel	October 9, 1993—24,304 (a)	\$4,185,000**
Laurel	October 1, 1994—21,284 (a)	\$5,001,898**
Laurel	October 14, 1995—19,238 (a)	\$4,363,222**
Laurel	October 12, 1996—18,403 (a)	\$4,584,209**
Laurel	October 18, 1997—20,025 (a)	\$4,042,846**
Laurel	October 17, 1998—24,834 (b)	\$5,285,000**
Laurel	October 16, 1999—24,097 (b)	\$6,120,409**
Laurel	October 21, 2000—25,404 (b)	\$5,610,314**
Pimlico	October 13, 2001—20,682 (c)	\$5,982,679**
Pimlico	September 21, 2002—19,131 (c)	\$5,395,867**
Laurel	October 11, 2003—21,108 (c)	\$6,791,400**
Pimlico	October 9, 2004—19,495 (c)	\$6,535,179**
Laurel	October 15, 2005—21,653 (c)	\$6,969,809**
Laurel	October 14, 2006—24,836 (c)	\$6,804,316**
Laurel	October 13, 2007—26,788 (c)	\$7,814,959**
Laurel	October 4, 2008—24,442 (c)	\$4,777,300**
Laurel	September 26, 2009—21,695 (c)	\$4,131,744**
Laurel	October 2, 2010—23,367 (c)	\$3,768,672**
Laurel	October 1, 2011—20,907 (c)	\$4,249,315**
Laurel	October 6, 2012—18,420 (c)	\$3,306,690**
Laurel	October 19, 2013—18,036 (c)	\$3,223,980**
Laurel	October 18, 2014—18,870 (c)	\$3,412,998**
Laurel	October 17, 2015—19,119 (c)	\$4,403,182**

*Attendance and betting includes Laurel simulcast.

**Betting figures for 1993 through 2015 include Laurel; inter-track wagering at Pimlico, Rosecroft and off-track betting facilities; simulcasts to out-of-state race tracks; plus wagering on out-of-state races simulcast into Maryland that day.

(a) From 1993 to 1997, the attendance numbers included Laurel, Pimlico and the state's two harness tracks.

(b) From 1998 to 2000, the attendance numbers included Laurel, Pimlico and Rosecroft.

(c) From 2001 to 2015, only figures from Pimlico and Laurel were included.

Maryland-breds have won 243 of the 319 events (76 percent).

Ratios have varied from year to year. On the inaugural Maryland Million Day in 1986, only three Maryland-breds won. The following year, they accounted for eight of the nine races. In '93, for the first time ever, Maryland-breds swept the program—a feat duplicated in 1997, 2000 and 2015.

Maryland-breds have fared especially well in the featured Maryland Million Classic, taking 23 of the 30 runnings. Only Kentucky-bred Herat, who starred in the first running, New Jersey-breds Frugal Doc (1996) and Cuba (2008) and Pennsylvania-breds Somerset (2001), Docent (2002, 2003) and Presidentialaffair (2004), were foaled outside Maryland borders. Victorious

Not For Love, Northview Stallion Station's 13-time leading sire, continued to add to his numbers as Maryland Million's all-time sire leader with two winners in 2015.

Not For Love offspring have accounted for 34 wins, including six runnings of the Classic, five Distaffs and Sprints, four Turfs and Oaks, and three Ladies and Lassies over the years. His runners have finished fourth or better 121 times since making their first appearances in 1999, and those runners earned more than \$3.5 million in purses.

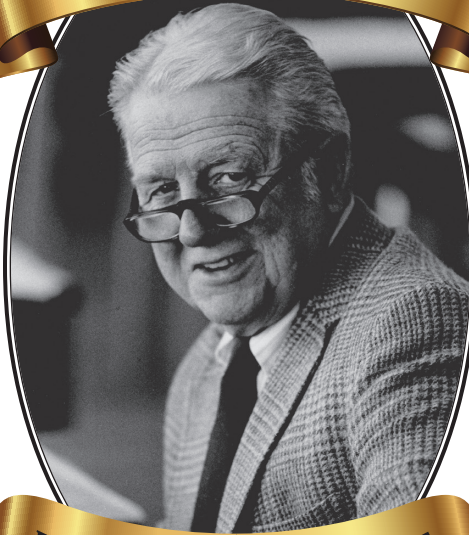
Maryland-breds in the Classic are: Little Bold John (1987), Mister S. M. (1988), Master Speaker (1989), Timely Warning (1990 and 1991), Reputed Testamony (1992), Forry Cow How (1993), Taking Risks (1994), Brilliant Patriot (1995), Algar (1997 and 1998), Perfect to a Tee (1999), Testing (2000), Play Bingo (2005), Due (2006), Evil Storm (2007), Sumacha'hot (2009), Regal Solo (2010), Not Abroad (2012), Eighttofasttocatch (2011, 2013 and 2014) and Admirals War Chest (2015).

Maryland-bred winners to date are:
 1986 - Capp It Off, London Market and Smart 'n Quick.
 1987 - Angelina County, Cool Joe, Jolly Jackie, Little Bold John, Ms. Rutledge, Ringing, Sean's Ferrari and Thirty Eight Go Go.
 1988 - Dark Tzarina, Kalli, King's Nest, Master Speaker, Mister S.M. and Snow King.

- 1989 - Beware of the Cat, Big Upheavel, Master Speaker, Real Tough, Safely Kept and She's a Champ.
- 1990 - Ameri Allen, Arugula, Jeweler's Choice, McKilts, Safely Kept and Timely Warning.
- 1991 - Coolin It, Missy White Oak, Safely Kept, Smart Alec and Timely Warning.
- 1992 - Brilliant Brass, Carnirainbow, Deputation, Military Look, Reputed Testamony, Score Thirty Eight, Silent Testamony and Wood Fox.
- 1993 - Awad, Bewarned, Champion Jay, Forry Cow How, Gayquare, Heading Home, Lady Beaumont, Military Look, Mz. Zill Bear, Rolling Cart, Run Alden and Star Minister.
- 1994 - Alice Dear, Anarex, Churchbell Chimes, Mz. Zill Bear, Prospector's Fuel, Sam's Quest, Snooky's Taylor, Taking Risks and Warning Glance.
- 1995 - Brilliant Patriot, Churchbell Chimes, Count On Numbers, Den of Thieves, Foxie G, Goldgorian's Alden, Mz. Zill Bear, Short Stay and Urbane.
- 1996 - Carrolls Favorite, Heavenly Punch, Julie's Brilliance, Lovely Tasha, Royal Edict, Tainted Angel, The Ruler's Sister and Trump Mahal.
- 1997 - Aberfoyle, Algar, Carnivorous Habit, Holdontothemoment, Maragold Princess, Only Ali, Proud Run, Secret Prospect, Warrenpeace and Winsox.
- 1998 - Aggro Crag, Algar, Greenspring Willy, Lonesome Sound, Main Quest, Maragold Princess, Miss Angelina, Perfect Challenge, Weather Vane and Winsox.
- 1999 - Aristotle, Flippy Diane, Gin Talking, Perfect to a Tee, Pride of Benray, Private Slip, Riff, Saratoga Friends, Tropical Punch and Vaguely Rich.
- 2000 - Annie McGee, Caveat's Shot, Cynics Beware, Gin Talking, McKendree, Shamrock Isle, Sound System, Testing, T P Louie, Tropical Punch and Your Out.
- 2001 - Case of the Blues, Elberton, Jorgie Stover, Stal Quest, Wicomico.
- 2002 - Cherokee's Boy, Deer Run, La Reine's Terms, Mojo Gal, Top of the News and Undercover.
- 2003 - Allens Blessing, Hail Hillary, Irish Colony, Michael's Pride, Move Those Chains, My Navy, Polish Rifle, Richetta, River Cruise and Willa On the Move.
- 2004 - Dr Detroit, Drum Roll Please, Hail Hillary, Hear Us Roar, Hunca Munca, Merryland Missy, My Poker Player, Silmaril and What's Up Lonely.
- 2005 - Creve Coeur, La Reine's Terms, Marley Hart, Play Bingo, Saay Mi Name, Smart and Fancy, Sticky and Surf Light.
- 2006 - Busy Prospect, Clifton Park, Deliver the Roses, Due, Hunca Munca, Ironton, Off the Glass, Private Scandal, Silmaril, Smart and Fancy and Spectacular Malibu.
- 2007 - Be Oh Be, Evil Storm, Forty Crowns, Grand Champion, Happy Surprise, Maddy's Heart, Moon Catcher, Off the Glass, Regal Solo and Swear to It.
- 2008 - Broadway Producer, Celtic Innis, He's a Dixie Boy, Kosmo's Buddy, Let Me Be Frank, Miss Charm City, Miss Lombardi, Spectacular Malibu, Swear Allegiance and Sweet Goodbye.
- 2009 - All Giving, Amazin Sun, Natural Seven, Roaring Lion, Serenadia, Sumacha'hot, Take Down Two, Target Sighted and Toboggan Slide.
- 2010 - Baltimore Belle, Ben's Cat, Blind Date, Jack On the Rocks, My Sweet Nenana, Northpoint Costas, Regal Solo and Steady Warrior
- 2011 - Ben's Cat, Bluegrass Atatude, Brushed by Love, Call of a Lion, Eighttofasttocatch, Glib, Love's Blush and Shordawatyadrink.
- 2012 - Action Andy, Ben's Cat, Bold Affair, Jazzy Idea, Keep Momma Happy and Not Abroad.
- 2013 - Eighttofasttocatch, It's a Bang, Jonesin for Jerry, Monster Sleeping, Tooth N Claw and Vianney Lane.
- 2014 - Bear Access, D C Dancer, Eighttofasttocatch, My Magician, Outbacker, Printasticat and Talk Show Man.
- 2015 - Admirals War Chest, Corvus, Jack's in the Deck, Lexington Street, Lionhearted Lady, Monster Sleeping, Phlash Phelps, Stolen Love and Wild for Love.



Joe Kelly



Unsung Hero Award

The Maryland Million Ltd. Board of Directors voted in 2013 to give an Unsung Hero Award annually in honor of Joe Kelly. Joe was the first and only publicist for the Jim McKay Maryland Million Day racing program. As a close friend of founder Jim McKay, Kelly was involved from the introduction of the concept in 1985 until his death in 2012. He was a mentor to writers, horsemen and fans alike, and loved our sport from his early days as a sports writer.

Joe Kelly embodied the character of the unsung hero. He was quiet and unassuming, and never sought personal attention or credit, yet was a role model for many. With this award, his memory lives on, and be acknowledged annually on Jim McKay Maryland Million Day.

Our unsung hero embodies characteristics that are valuable, but often go unrewarded: honest, hardworking and humble, inspiring and setting a good example through personal principles and actions. The 2016 award winner will be recognized at the Maryland Million Gala on Oct. 21 and be presented with a commemorative plaque on Jim McKay Maryland Million Day, Oct. 22.



Trainer Holly Robinson received the inaugural award in 2013.



Longtime Maryland horseman, jockey's agent and racing official Howard G. "Gelo" Hall was the 2014 Unsung Hero Award recipient.



Darryl-Ann Buschling was recognized in 2015 for her work with the United States Pony Club, Maryland 4-H program and more.

Sam Robinson

Artist wins race to capture state's sporting art at Million, beyond

By Vinnie Perrone

For all his years as a National Steeplechase Association starter, Clay Baldwin had never seen this: There in the broad green distance of the My Lady's Manor course in Monkton, between fences, between races, a young couple fully clothed sank into the cool grass and earnestly started making out.

Baldwin approached the sweethearts, the guy on his back, the gal straddling, advised them of the impropriety and had them escorted away. The 2015 races proceeded absent other wanton oddities.

As a pickup truck bounded over a hilltop a year later, taking NSA officials down to the launch of the opening race of the 2016 My Lady's Manor, Baldwin's thoughts flashed to the amorous youths, and how long it might take to discover a race-day affair so peculiar. The answer grew before him.

"It wasn't just me; it was everyone in the truck," Baldwin said. "We were like, 'Oh sh--.'"

Toward a hollow, near the starting area framed by woods and fence, stood a man at an easel bearing a large white canvas.

Race after captivating race, horse and rider lunge headlong toward the unknown; so too the sporting artist. Sam Robinson had prepped well for this engagement at My Lady's Manor, consulting event organizer Turney McKnight as to proper clearance and apt positioning to paint horses in those expectant moments before they set off.

"I thought I had iced it," Robinson said. "I had the main guy who said I was good, and I'd been on the course before."

Then came the truck, and starter Baldwin's determined stride. "I could tell he's aghast," Robinson said, working a smile.

An artist willingly invites scrutiny. Robinson discovered that steeplechase courses, and later racetracks, sometimes prompt reaction before color meets canvas.

Baldwin placidly explained that painter and easel so close to the starting point could cause a horse fright or distraction. He asked Robinson to move back a distance, saying later, "He was great about it."

"That's his job," Robinson said. "I'm not gonna wrangle with him. If it doesn't seem safe to him, then I don't want to be there. . . He couldn't have been nicer."

Before displacement, Robinson had sketched in portions of a hilly Monkton landscape edged by trees that implied a bashful spring.

Afterward, he laughed about juxtaposition: The heralded Easton, Md., competitions he'd entered for painters of plein-air pictures – landscapes and other scenes painted outdoors, on location – required an invitation and a jury review for inclusion. Race courses at times engendered other rigorous scrutiny.

With official blessings, Robinson photographed the My Lady's Manor prerace movements and finished the oil painting, *Starters Orders*, in his Owings Mills studio. He often produces larger-scale works this way, completing canvases after-the-fact from photographic composites, but relishes the smaller plein-air creations briskly painted with gouache, a fast-drying opaque watercolor that mimics oil.





Cricket Goodall, Maryland Million executive director, first saw Robinson ply this brush-bustling technique at a Sagamore Farm visitors' day a few years ago and found the impressionistic output provocative – presently and potentially.

"In the beginning, it was just, 'Hey, I love your stuff,' and 'Wow, you can paint this really wonderful painting in an hour and half,'" Goodall said. Then came inspiration: "Maybe we can introduce him to breeders in hopes that he would find those scenic views of breeding farms and the flat-racing side of it as interesting as he was finding the steeplechase world."

Acquaintances made, Goodall also arranged for Robinson to paint Maryland Million Day doings on location starting 2014, both to commemorate the event and to fundraise for horse-industry and land-preservation causes. His exposure thus enhanced, Robinson typically shares half of these cooperative proceeds with said interests.

"A symbiotic relationship, I guess," Goodall said. "We were helping him broaden his potential clients, and he was helping us show a side of the industry in a very lovely way that sometimes doesn't get shown."

Given occurrences at My Lady's Manor, Robinson favored anchoring an easel trackside. "It's nice to be at a major event and have people not wondering what you're doing," he said. "They're, like, happy to set up a tent for you or give you a table. It's kind of cool to be appreciated."

During a July exhibit of Robinson's sporting-art works at Halcyon House Antiques in Lutherville, appreciation moved wall to wall with craning looks, approving words, extended study. The five dozen pieces on display featured the breadth of his "painterly realism," studies of color, light, expression, brushwork and composition, and of subjects: racing action, backstretch labors, farm scenes, sales pavilions, human and equine portraits.

Captured subjects captured viewers, whose words conveyed Robinson's artistic subtext: "My God, the definition" of American Pharoah on the path to a morning



Good Morning Pimlico captures American Pharoah strolling toward the track before his 2015 Preakness win. Opposite: Robinson works on Maryland Million Day at Laurel Park.

gallop, the muscle at his right flank rippling with relief-map texture in *Good Morning Pimlico*. "Wasn't easy getting the tack on that one" as a steeplechase trainer tries to cinch a girth on a feisty bay in *Saddling Paddock*. "You can feel the warmth on his back" as a sun-splashed groom sponges the left flank of a languid blaze-faced chestnut in *Wash Down*.

As the reception ended, Goodall bought *Bright Eyed*, a gouache of a shaggy-maned, white-faced chestnut foal bending toward sunshine, its dark brown dam vague but close by, the pasture grass behind them tinted yellow and taupe from a new spring tramping.

"It does have realistic tones . . . and yet it's a looser style," Goodall said. "I don't know what that's called, but I like it."

"There are hints of [impressionism] to his style, but it's really fairly realistic. I don't think I can put a label on it, per se," said Stiles T. Colwill, the Halcyon House co-owner who's organized several shows for Robinson. "He is capturing moments, and they're moments, if you're in the horse world, that you instantly recognize. Fleeting moments that he is capturing as memories."

Colwill drew to Robinson's work years ago as judge for The Valleys Planning Council's biannual art show. Given to thoroughness, Colwill reviewed the entries days before and so marveled at a Robinson painting of steeplechase trainer Joe Davies bathing a Maryland Hunt Cup runner that he bought it.

"I saw a picture, and I fell in love with it," Colwill said. "Joe Davies is throwing a bucket of water toward the horse. I kept trying to figure out how he captured that moment so well."

The answer sketches out of South Korea, where Robinson spent most of his youth. Both grandfathers had become clergymen, and his parents served as medical missionaries through the Presbyterian Church. Robinson left Maryland for Korea in 1960 as a first-grader and soon drew insight and sustenance from the ancient art of Asian brush painting.

From a studio sideboard he pulled one of his earliest childhood works, a floral on paper of mulberry leaves showing hues of black and gray and precocity. You paint them on the floor, kneeling, he said, using long brushes and ink stones.



"It's a very formal style: You copy again and again and again from your teacher until you get that down . . . It was an interesting way to begin."

His parents getting one-year furloughs, Robinson returned for sixth and 11th grades to Burnside, the Greenspring Valley resort that his mother's family, the Shoemakers, had established in the mid-1800s. The Valley served as a shady summer retreat then, a railway outpost for the urban well-to-do like Robinson's great-great grandfather, a shipping magnate.

Great-great grandad's son, Sam Shoemaker, used his family fortune to convert Burnside to a year-round residence and corresponding dairy farm. After World War II, the family razed outbuildings, disbanded the dairy herd and most of the farm's 600 acres: Robinson has a home (with wife Barbara) and studio there, and his brother a lot.

Absent direct evidence, Robinson thinks his ancestors must have ridden; foxhunters ruled the Valley then, and the Shoemakers proper raised Hackney stallions to perpetuate their carriage-driving fleet. A framed, time-bleached photo on the foyer wall of Robinson's studio shows grandfather Shoemaker as a boy with a Hackney pony; below that, a shadowbox of horse-show ribbons, well preserved given

the date stamp – 1903 – and other horse-related artifacts.

"I certainly didn't grow up riding or anything, but there's a piece of that in the thread of the family tradition. It goes back in the pedigree," Robinson said. "But, curiously, I ignored that totally for years. It didn't occur to me to paint any of that at all."

Life in Korea likely aided that suppression. Robinson's father, an obstetrician/gynecologist, taught and practiced medicine in Seoul, and the family shared a compound with other Presbyterian missionaries enjoying an American lifestyle in a foreign land. "We got to know the [Korean] culture," Robinson said, "but we didn't live it."

The Korean style of painting was another matter. "Definitely informed my artistic interests," he said.

Robinson graduated from high school in Seoul, returned to the states and eventually co-founded Valley Craftsmen doing larger-scale painted interiors – or, as he put it, "the architectural interior application of special painted effects." Wooden columns made to look like marble, oversize murals that tell a story or evoke a mood, a windowless space painted as a room with a view.

As Valley Craftsmen grew to gross a million dollars yearly, Robinson sought enrich-

ment elsewhere – from the Asian technique that influenced and still compelled him. He cast this romance as "a deep, consistent interest in the brush mark."

His family, in a sense, led Robinson back to this organic style. Around 2000, at wife Barbara's asking, he did portraits of son Lehm and daughter Sallie. Word suffused the Valley. George Mahoney Jr., a joint master at Green Spring Hounds, commissioned a portrait of his foxhunting son.

"So I went out one morning early to one of the hunt meets up in the Valley there, and that was incredible," Robinson said. "I was like, 'I cannot believe I have not been following this.' An awakening. I mean, I was just dazzled by this thing."

Horses maneuvering across splendid rural landscapes moved him closer to the works he aimed to do, the smaller, free-wheeling, plein-air pieces that rely on brushstrokes to imply subjects. This new essay, he discovered, required a delicate sense of equipoise.

"A subject like sporting art has a certain balance between the expressive qualities, the purely artistic concerns that I might have and that relationship with the audience," Robinson said. "If you can barely tell it's a horse, why would they want that? I really do want to have a strong sense of the anatomy and things like that, and yet I value that brushy suggestion of things."

He acknowledged the challenge of learning to paint horses in all manner of movement; that is, to faithfully represent them to horse people keen on conformation, proportion and context.

"You're tackling a new subject about which you know nothing," he said. "So I'd see something I'd think was really cool, and I would find out later that that was, like, wrong. Nobody wants a horse that's got his ears laid back. . . So it took me a while to understand this sport, what's interesting, what's going on beyond the fact that it's visually exciting."

The Halcyon House show reflected Robinson's vast and varied palette. *Merryland*, *Shamrock* and *Summer Wind* affirm the pastoral beauty of Maryland's Thoroughbred farms. *Spring Skies* aligns

eight galloping horses dwarfed amid sprawling tree-topped hills and a tumbling sky. *Fording Western Run* depicts the lead of three foxhunters navigating his mount through a knee-deep stream, the water cast in green-violet-teal essence and framed by craggy, leafless trees. *Study for King* offers an impressionistic yet unmistakable profile of Hall of Fame trainer Leatherbury. *Handle With Care* shows a farmhand supporting a brown, haltered, blaze-faced foal somewhat astonished by the world. *Fire In Motion* features poses of stallion Friesan Fire, presented as three horses, being led past the white-and-red stables of Country Life Farm.

"The work has matured for me," Robinson said. "It's not about selling as many as I can. It's about telling the story."

The Halcyon show thus included the paintings *Five Gallon Pails*, in which an everyday stablehand lugs two water buckets, his forearms taut and tense at the weight, and *Blacksmith*, whose working toil manifests through bent-waist contortion. And, yes, a gouache of a burly, red-necked, brown-gray-black-white turkey titled *Mascot*.

"You know, they're grazing expensive Thoroughbreds right next to the turkey," Robinson said. "And he acts like he's the most important thing out there."

Less likely to sell for their subjects' relative anonymity, these paintings mark the ways Robinson now stretches the canvas. "For reasons that aren't especially rational, the subject has really grabbed me," he said, meaning the ever-sprawling horse-related spectacle. "There's something deeply intriguing about this, and I'm still trying to get at it."

Across the ages, brush-wielding eccentrics have brought color and texture to the painting world beyond their masterpieces.

In the 1600s, Caravaggio allegedly toasted a finished work with drunken swordfights. In the 1800s, Richard Dadd took a razor and fatally slashed his father, whom he thought the devil. In the 1900s, Salvador Dali reportedly underwent an exorcism, and Van Gogh somehow lost an ear.



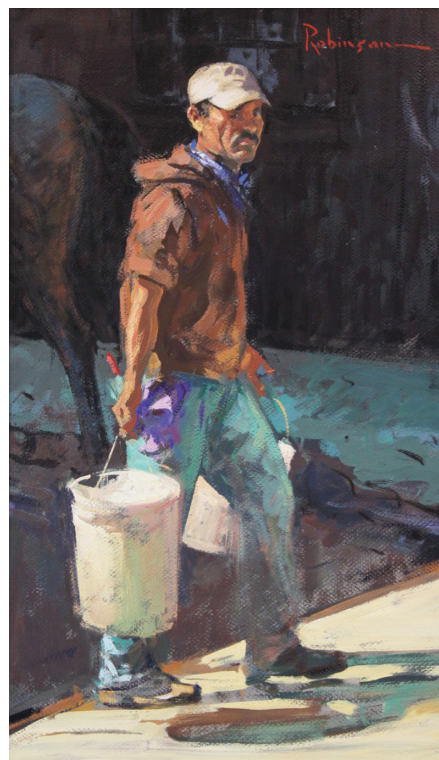
Interviews at his studio and art show rendered Robinson grounded, steady and rational, patient and affable, a practicing realist who's emerged as one of the region's few accomplished and respected sporting artists. His manner, like his work, lacks affectation: He carries his painting gear in a black and red backpack and implies that this burgeoning affair with sporting art has evoked a mutual embrace.

Of the majesty of the horse: "If you're outdoors and a really fit Thoroughbred walks by, that's a moment worth capturing."

Of his de facto status as exclusive painter of the Maryland horse industry: "I'm kind of like a weird version of the press."

Of the pulse-raising spectacle of the race: "I can completely see why people are, like, stoned on it."

At the 2015 Maryland Million, Robinson positioned his easel on Laurel



This page, clockwise from upper left: *Bright Eyes*, *Five Gallon Pails*, *Off Season Pimlico*, *Summer Wind* and *Shamrock Farm*. Opposite: *Spring Skies* and *Merryland*.

Park's grandstand apron to paint a plein-air race scene. An obvious question: Even in a 90-minute work, how can you capture horses moving so quickly? As Robinson set about the task, racing fans gathered for the answer.

First he addressed stationary objects: tan-colored barns beyond the far turn, distant green-leaf trees far beyond and a conspicuous white water tower in between; the brown-dirt racetrack, white and shadowed rails, a glimpse of the turf course and



At this year's Million, he plans to set up near the paddock – maybe overlooking it, maybe along the wooden risers on the clubhouse side. That would afford a look out through white wooden porticoes into the soft autumn light.

In this and other ways, Robinson continues to study his subject in different profiles. Which explains why, on a race-less day last fall without horse or human evident, he ventured far beyond the finish line to paint a side of Pimlico rarely seen. The Baltimore track gets blanket coverage Preakness Day, he said, when stands and infield teem; now it would be shown in the nude.

Better yet, the scene would evoke the epitome of plein-air painting: everything static but the sun and certain pillowy clouds. Robinson had a credential granting him access. He set up his easel and readied his tools.

Off Season Pimlico peers down the vacant, yawning, harrowed dirt homestretch from the cusp of the clubhouse turn, tiny leafy green trees straightaway in the distance, shadowy-white outdoor stands close to the left, the red-edged, glass-faced clubhouse farther down.

Robinson might have finished the painting on-site, as planned. But a Pimlico security guard happened out toward the clubhouse turn, spotted a man with an easel bearing a small white canvas, approached him with determined strides and told him to leave.



of gray-white canopied tents. Then a once-blue sky overtaken by brooding clouds, and a sketchy-colored mass of onlookers beyond the outside rail.

"That was kinda fun," he said. "I had it all blocked in; it was lookin' pretty good, and I put my brush down. People were watchin' me paint. One of them said, 'What are you looking for?' I said, 'I'm looking for the horses to come around.'"

"So they come around again – I'm basically talking about horses that are a quarter of an inch tall. So I'm just trying to gauge their scale and get a sense of what was going on – somebody leading by a lot of lengths, or a nice little group. So they come by, and I just watch carefully and try to judge things. And when they're gone, I got out my brush and knocked in a little group of horses and jockeys."

The corresponding work, *Final Turn MD Million*, spanned a compact 8-by-10-inch canvas for reasons advantageous to the undertaking.

"For one thing, when things are small, a brush mark counts for more – you know, a dot can be a person in the distance," Robinson said. "Secondly, you're trying to coordinate so much information, that's just gonna go a lot better if you narrow your scale."

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And the program has always spread the wealth. In the first two years, the 18 Maryland Million winners were sired by 16 different stallions. That number has grown to 94 stallions with at least one winner.

All-time sire Maryland Million sire Not For Love continued to pad his lead. The only stallion with more than one winner in 2015, his total number of wins increased to 34.

Stallions with their first winners in 2015 were Elusive Charlie, sire of Classic winner Admirals War Chest; and Love of Money, whose son Jack's in the Deck captured the Sprint.

LEADING STALLIONS

Name	Wins
Not For Love	34
Allen's Prospect	22
Two Punch	13
Deputed Testamony	11
Caveat	10
Horatius	10
Citidancer	9
Lion Hearted	9
Great Notion	7
Smarten	7
Salutely	6
Bowman's Band	5
Carnivalay	5
Deputy Minister	5
Louis Quatorze	5
Norquestor	5
Partner's Hero	5
Polish Numbers	5
Rollicking	5
Waquoit	5
Yarrow Brae	5
Dancing Count	4
John Alden	4
Malibu Moon	4
Outflanker	4
Parker's Storm Cat	4
Press Card	4
Valley Crossing	4



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Mt. Livermore – Dream Team

REDEEMED

Include – Early Mass

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Tiznow – The Hess Express

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Pulpit – Enchanted Rock

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Giant's Causeway – Alaska Queen

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Maryland Million Day 2015



Admiral's War Chest, Stephen Sinatra's son of Elusive Charlie, wires the field to win the Classic.



Forest Boyce displays her amazement after the photo-finish result was posted for the Sprint, where Jack's in the Deck (Love of Money) nipped Ben's Cat.



Phlash Phelps (right), the second son of Great Notion to take the Turf in the past two years, fights off two-time race winner Roadhog late.

The day's first race, the Distaff Starter Handicap, was named for the late longtime Maryland breeder Brice Ridgely, and won by Wild for Love (by Not For Love).



Maryland Million Day 2015



First-time starter Corvus (Dance With Ravens) proves to be a good "keeper" from a 2014 yearling sale by winning the Nursery for owners/breeders Bob Manfuso and Katy Voss.



JoAnn Smith's Lionhearted Lady (Lion Hearted) surges clear in the Distaff for trainer Hamilton Smith, the owner's husband.



Monster Sleeping (Oratory) leads everybody home in the Ladies, her second win in the race in three years, and gave Dale Capuano sole possession atop the leaderboard among winning trainers.



Stolen Love waits to get his photo taken after winning the finale, the Sagamore Racing Starter Handicap, bookending wins for Not For Love.





Eighttofasttocatch becomes the first horse in Maryland Million history to win the Classic three times, leading all the way to get his third win easily in 2014 at the age of 8 as odds-on favorite. It marked the sixth time in 11 years that a son of Not For Love won the day's biggest race.

Maryland Million Classic winners have been a durable lot, and the most financially successful group of winners of a particular Maryland Million Day race.

The 25 winners of the Classic (three won the race twice, one three times) earned a combined \$15.8 million, for average earnings per runner of more than \$635,000.

The impressive list is led by the 1987 Classic winner Little Bold John, who captured a total of 25 stakes during his 105-start career and earned \$1,956,406.

Maryland Million Classic

\$150,000, 3-year-olds and up, 1 1/8 miles

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner (age)</u>	<u>Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)</u>
1986	Herat (4) <i>Northern Dancer</i>	John Franks; Claiborne Farm and Gamely Corp.;
1987	Little Bold John (5) <i>John Alden</i>	Jack C. Van Berg; J.D. Bailey (2:03 1/4) J.E. Owens III; Hal C.B. Claggett; John J. Robb;
1988	Mister S. M. (4) <i>Rollicking</i>	D.A. Miller Jr. (2:03 3/4) S.F. Morrell; Glade Valley Farms, Inc.; Stephen L. DiMauro;
1989	Master Speaker (4) <i>Master Willie (GB)</i>	J.A. Santos (2:01 3/4, ntr) Anderson Fowler; same; Virgil W. Raines; J.A. Krone (2:02)
1990	Timely Warning (5) <i>Caveat</i>	Anderson Fowler; same; Virgil W. Raines; C. Perret (2:02 1/4)
1991	Timely Warning (6) <i>Caveat</i>	Anderson Fowler; same; Virgil W. Raines; M.J. Luzzi (2:02 1/4)
1992	Reputed Testamony (5) <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	Matt P. Kane et al; Bonita Farm, E. Holmes Hawkins et al; Richard B. Hemmings; K.J. Desormeaux (2:03 1/4)
1993	Forry Cow How (5) <i>Horatius</i>	Buckingham Farm; Thornmar; Ronald Cartwright; L.C. Reynolds (1:55 1/2, ntr)
1994	Taking Risks (4) <i>Two Punch</i>	Lakeville Stables; Liberty Hill Farm; King T. Leatherbury; M.T. Johnston (1:54 3/4, ntr)
1995	Brilliant Patriot (4) <i>Marine Brass</i>	W. Harrison and L. Pomerantz; Julie Bassford Collison; Vincent L. Blengs; M.G. Pino (1:58 1/4)
1996	Frugal Doc (9) <i>Baederwood</i>	L.W.B.R. Stable; George G. Rosenberger; D. Scott Posey; C.O. Klinger (1:54 1/4)
1997	Algar (5) <i>Horatius</i>	Barbara C. Graham; same; same; E.S. Prado (1:58 1/4)
1998	Algar (6) <i>Horatius</i>	Barbara C. Graham; same; same; E.S. Prado (1:56 3/4)
1999	Perfect to a Tee (7) <i>Parfaitement</i>	The Nonsequitur Stable; Lisa S. Fender; Linda L. Albert; A.C. Cortez (1:56 3/4)
2000	Testing (7) <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	Dennis A. Drazin; Richard C. Granville; Peter Fortay; J.A. Velez Jr. (1:54 1/4; 1:54.51)
2001	Sumerset (4) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	E & G Stables; Gillian Gordon-Moore and Ann Charlton Abbott; Timothy F. Ritchey; J. Rose (1:57 1/4; 1:57.20)
2002	Docent (4) <i>Waquoit</i>	Mrs. Bernard J. Daney; Bernard J. Daney; Timothy F. Ritchey; J. Rose (1:56 1/4; 1:56.85)
2003	Docent (5) <i>Waquoit</i>	Mrs. Bernard J. Daney; Bernard J. Daney; Timothy F. Ritchey; C. Potts (1:54 1/4; 1:54.94)
2004	Presidentialaffair (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Edward Ciresa and Vincent Papandrea; Will Run Farm; Martin E. Ciresa; S. Elliott (1:55 1/4; 1:55.58)
2005	Play Bingo (4) <i>Polish Numbers</i>	Erdenheim Farm; Dark Hollow Farm and William P. Beatson; John R.S. Fisher; R. Fogelsonger (1:59; 1:59.08)
2006	Due (5) <i>Rinka Das</i>	Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slys; K.T. Leatherbury Assoc.; Dale Capuano; A.R. Napravnik (1:58 1/4; 1:58.38)
2007	Evil Storm (6) <i>Storm Broker</i>	Old Coach Farm; Country Roads Ltd.; Michael E. Gorham; J. Rose (1:58; 1:58.19)
2008	Cuba (7) <i>Not For Love</i>	Leo-Sag Stable, W. Corrigan and D. Levesque; Shaunlee LLC; Robert D. DiBona; P.L. Cotto Jr. (1:57 3/4; 1:57.78)
2009	Sumacha'hot (4) <i>Mojave Moon</i>	Hubert L. Cave; Bonita Farm; Hubert L. Cave; G. Whitacre (1:50 1/4; 1:50.26)
2010	Regal Solo (5) <i>Louis Quatorze</i>	Alvin M. Lapidus; Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.;
2011	Eighttofasttocatch (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Damon R. Dilodovico; S. Russell (1:51 1/4; 1:51.43) Sylvia E. Heft; Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable; Timothy Keefe; S. Russell (1:50 3/4; 1:50.65)
2012	Not Abroad (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Timothy Cunningham; Bowman and Higgins Stable, Thomas Sutton and Huckleberry Farm LLC; Michael P. Petro; N. Petro (1:51; 1:51.06)



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Bourbon Courage

Lion Heart – Shine Forth, by Carson City
Grade 2 winner of \$1,129,187
Multiple Grade 1-placed
Set new track record for 6.5 fur.
in 1:15.38 at Keeneland
\$5,000 LFSN*

Despite the Odds

Speightstown – Lady Aloma, by Cozzene
Graded NY stakes-winning son of sire of sires
SPEIGHTSTOWN, champion sprinter and
Breeders' Cup Sprint winner of \$1,258,256
Half-brother to champion Chopinina
\$1,500 LFSN



Imagining

Giant's Causeway – Daydreaming, by A.P. Indy
G1 winner of \$1,177,394
By perennial leading sire GIANT'S CAUSEWAY
Immediate family of sires GIROLAMO,
SUPER SAVER, BLUEGRASS CAT, and more!
\$7,500 LFSN*

Seville (Ger)

Galileo (Ire) – Silverskaya, by Silver Hawk
G1 winner of \$1,188,759
By international leading sire and sire of
sires GALILEO (Ire), champion and classic
winner of \$2,245,373. From a sire family
\$6,000 LFSN*



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Street Cry (Ire) – Magical Meadow, by Meadowlake
Graded stakes-winning son of
sire of sires STREET CRY (Ire)
16% stakes horses in first crop, including SW
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Classy Coco, a two-time Maryland Million winner by Not For Love, takes the 2014 Distaff by 6 lengths under Trevor McCarthy.

Breeders of six of the nine 2015 Maryland Million winners had bred winners before. Robert Meyerhoff, now in a tie for third-most wins, now has winners spanning three decades, starting with Star Minister (1993) to Wild for Love (2015).

LEADING BREEDERS

Name	Wins
Bonita Farm.....	7
K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.	6
McGinnes, Mr. & Mrs. Charles.....	6
Bender, Howard M. and Sondra ..	5
Bowman, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas	5
Clagett, Hal C.B.	5
Glade Valley Farms Inc.	5
Graham, Barbara Cross.....	5
Meyerhoff, Robert E. (Fitzhugh LLC)	5
Murray, Mr. & Mrs. E. Allen, Jr....	5
Fourbros Stable	4
Fowler, Anderson.....	4
Janney, Stuart S., III.....	4
Mea Culpa Stables Inc.	4

2013	Eighttofasttocatch (7) <i>Not For Love</i>	Sylvia E. Heft; Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable; Timothy Keefe; F. Boyce (1:50½; 1:50.42)
2014	Eighttofasttocatch (8) <i>Not For Love</i>	Sylvia E. Heft; Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable; Timothy Keefe; F. Boyce (1:50½; 1:50.54)
2015	Admirals War Chest (4) <i>Elusive Charlie</i>	Sinatra Thoroughbreds Racing LLC; Dr. Stephen Sinatra; Corby Caiazza; T.M. Hole (1:51½; 1:51.49)

Run at 1¼ miles 1986 through 1992; 1½ miles 1993 through 2008. Run as Budweiser Classic 1986 through 1992; First National Bank of Maryland Classic 1993 through 1996; Cosamin DS Classic 1997 through 2004; Capital Bank Classic 2009 through 2015

Maryland Million Distaff Handicap

\$100,000, fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, 7 furlongs

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	Capp It Off (4) <i>Double Zeus</i>	C. Oliver Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Goldsmith; Gregory L. Wilson; J.D. Bailey (1:11½)
1987	Ms. Rutledge (3) <i>Lord Gaylord</i>	Hermen Greenberg; K.T. Leatherbury Assoc., Inc.; King T. Leatherbury; K.J. Desormeaux (1:11½)
1988	Dark Tzarina (5) <i>Rollicking</i>	Cerulean Farm; Barbara Cross Graham; H. Kirk Steen Jr.; M.J. Conner (1:10½)
1989	Safely Kept (3) <i>Horatius</i>	Barry Weisbord; Mr. and Mrs. David Hayden; Alan E. Goldberg; C. Perret (1:10)
1990	Safely Kept (4) <i>Horatius</i>	Jayeff B Stable; Mr. and Mrs. David Hayden; Alan E. Goldberg; J.A. Krone (1:11)
1991	Safely Kept (5) <i>Horatius</i>	Jayeff B Stable; Mr. and Mrs. David Hayden; Alan E. Goldberg; G.L. Stevens (1:11)
1992	Brilliant Brass (5) <i>Marine Brass</i>	Elaine L. Bassford; Marshale E. Bassford Heffron; Carlos A. Garcia; E.S. Prado (1:11½)
1993	Star Minister (4) <i>Deputy Minister</i>	Robert E. Meyerhoff; same; Richard W. Small; A. Seefeldt (1:24½)
1994	Alcovy (4) <i>Salutely</i>	L. Riley Mangum; same; William G. Huffman; S.A. Miller (1:23¾)
1995	Churchbell Chimes (4) <i>Deputed Testimony</i>	Susan Granville; Bonita Farm; J. William Boniface; A. Delgado (1:24)
1996	Heavenly Punch (4) <i>Two Punch</i>	C C Stable and Robert Harvey; Allen M. Garst; Sid C. Attard; E.S. Prado (1:23)
1997	Secret Prospect (4) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Conover Stable; Alan S. Kline; John J. Tammaro III; M.T. Johnston (1:24¾)
1998	Weather Vane (4) <i>Willard Scott</i>	Par Four Racing Stable; William B. Delp; Richard W. Delp; M.G. Pino (1:23½)
1999	Flippy Diane (5) <i>Aaron's Concorde</i>	Castle Village Farm; Arlene E. Kushner; Leah Gyarmati; D. Nelson (1:23¾)
2000	Tropical Punch (4) <i>Two Punch</i>	Susan and John Moore; Mrs. Raymond H. Burnette; James A. Jenkins; H. Castillo Jr. (1:23¾; 1:23.46)
2001	Case of the Blues (4) <i>In Case</i>	Skeedattle II; Acorn Hill Farm, Inc.; Anthony W. Dutrow; M.G. Pino (1:11½; 1:11.54)
2002	Blinded by Love (4) <i>Not For Love</i>	New Farm; Rising Sun Farm, Inc.; Ben W. Perkins Jr.; R. Migliore (1:11½; 1:11.28)
2003	Willa On the Move (4) <i>Two Punch</i>	Marathon Farms, Inc.; Robert L. Quinichett; Anthony W. Dutrow; M.G. Pino (1:22¾; 1:22.73)
2004	Merryland Missy (4) <i>Citidancer</i>	Country Life Farm; Huckleberry Farm LLC; Tim F. Ritchey; S. Elliott (1:10¾; 1:10.67)
2005	Valley of the Gods (5) <i>Valley Crossing</i>	David O'Neill; same; Keith W. LeBarron; H. Vega (1:25½; 1:25.34)
2006	Silmaril (5) <i>Diamond</i>	Stephen E. Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek; same; Christopher Grove; R. Fogelsonger (1:23; 1:23.00)
2007	Akronism (3) <i>Not For Love</i>	Robert S. Evans; same; Tim F. Ritchey; A.S. Black (1:24; 1:24.00)
2008	Spectacular Malibu (4) <i>Malibu Moon</i>	Country Life Farm; Charles H. Hadry and Constance H. Hadry; Michael J. Trombetta; J. Pimentel (1:23¾; 1:23.56)
2009	All Giving (5) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Concepts Unlimited Stable and Catherine J. Smith; Baywood LLC; Flint W. Stites; J. Joyce (1:23½; 1:23.34)
2010	Blind Date (4) <i>Not For Love</i>	William M. Backer; same; Hamilton A. Smith; S. Russell (1:23¾; 1:23.82)

2011	Love That Dance (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	John Petrini; same; Benjamin Perkins Jr.; P. Fragoso (1:24 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:24.51)
2012	Bold Affair (4) <i>Two Punch</i>	Charles J. Reed and Michael Zanella; same; Howard E. Wolfendale; A. Castellano Jr. (1:24 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:24.52)
2013	Maddy's Dance (3) <i>Dance With Ravens</i>	Dennis J. Federico; same; John Rigattieri; D.E. Centeno. (1:23 $\frac{3}{5}$; 1:23.65)
2014	Classy Coco (4) <i>Not For Love</i>	Michael R. Cox; Jonathan Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott; T. Bernard Houghton; T. McCarthy (1:23 $\frac{4}{5}$; 1:23.93)
2015	Lionhearted Lady (4) <i>Lion Hearted</i>	JoAnn Smith; Black Fox Farm; Hamilton A. Smith; X. Perez (1:24 $\frac{1}{5}$; 1:24.31)

Run at 6 furlongs 1986 through 1992, 2001, 2002 and 2004. Run as State of Maryland Distaff Handicap 1986 through 1988, 1990 through 1992; Port of Baltimore Distaff Handicap 1993 through 1995; Maryland Department of Transportation Distaff Handicap 1996 through 2001; Susquehanna Bank Distaff Handicap 2002; Baltimore Examiner Distaff Handicap 2006; Toyota Tundra Distaff Handicap 2007; Capital Bank Distaff Handicap 2008; Sagamore Farm Distaff Handicap 2011 and 2013; Family Farm Distaff Handicap 2012; Special Olympics Maryland Distaff Handicap 2010 and 2014; Apple Ford Distaff Handicap 2015

Maryland Million Distaff Starter Handicap

\$50,000, fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, 1 mile

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1994	Anarex (3) <i>Carnivalay</i>	Mea Culpa Stables, Inc.; same; Timothy L. Keefe; S.D. Hamilton (1:52)
1995	Goldgorian's Alden (4) <i>John Alden</i>	Jack I. Leibovitch; Hal C.B. Clagett; Ben M. Feliciano Jr.; J.L. Umana (1:52 $\frac{1}{5}$)
1996	Tainted Angel (5) <i>Roo Art</i>	Mark S. Smith; Herman Braude; Dune Tompkins; L.C. Reynolds (1:51 $\frac{1}{5}$)
1997	Holdontothemoment (3) <i>John Alden</i>	Danny R. Masden; Bonita Farm; A. Ferris Allen III; C.H. Marquez Jr. (1:54 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1998	Miss Angelina (4)* <i>Brilliant Protege</i>	The Nonsequitur Stable LLC; Angela B. Coombs; Linda L. Albert; A.C. Cortez (1:26)
1999	Tropical Punch (3) <i>Two Punch</i>	Silverrod Stable; Mrs. Raymond H. Burnette; Allen Iwinski; M.J. McCarthy (1:24 $\frac{2}{5}$)
2000	Annie McGee (3) <i>Aaron's Concorde</i>	M & R Stables; Kathleen Dibben; same; E.M. Sheridan (1:25 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:25.40)
2001	Belle Visage (5) <i>Horatius</i>	Lenore Rogalski; Timothy F. Ritchey; Tanya Boulmetis; A. Pena (1:47 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:47.34)
2002	Mojo Gal (4) <i>Compelling Sound</i>	Never Take a Partner Racing Stable; Marathon Farms Inc.; Joseph E. Abell; A. Madrid Jr. (1:45 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:45.78)
2003	Allens Blessing (3) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Dun Roamin Farms, Inc.; Traveller Stable; Edward J. Coletti Jr.; K. Carmouche (1:24 $\frac{3}{5}$; 1:24.32)
2004	Hunca Munca (3) <i>Yarrow Brae</i>	William P. Cook; Sherman Chin; Douglas Nunn; V. Diaz (1:45 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:45.72)
2005	Marley Hart (5) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	JWD Racing and Hunting Ground Farm; Hickory Ridge Farm; Joseph Delozier III; R.A. Dominguez (1:40; 1:40.16)
2006	Hunca Munca (5) <i>Yarrow Brae</i>	John Rigattieri; Sherman Chin; John Rigattieri; D. Panell (1:39; 1:39.01)
2007	Swear to It (4) <i>Swear by Dixie</i>	Linda S. Gaudet; Bonita Farm; Edmond D. Gaudet; Luis Garcia (1:40; 1:40.02)
2008	Swear Allegiance (4) <i>Swear by Dixie</i>	Black and Tan Stable; Bonita Farm and Karen Dempsey; Damon R. Dilodovico; T.L. Dunkelberger (1:40 $\frac{4}{5}$; 1:40.81)
2009	Serenadia (4) <i>Lion Hearted</i>	Tuxedo Racing Partnership; Arnold Davidov and Mary Eppler; Mary E. Eppler; A.R. Napravnik (1:39 $\frac{4}{5}$; 1:39.97)
2010	Silver Heart (5) <i>Lion Hearted</i>	Nancy L. Terhune; Nancy L. Terhune and Ernest Frohboese; Gary Capuano; T.L. Dunkelberger (1:39 $\frac{1}{5}$; 1:39.31)
2011	Call of a Lion (5) <i>Lion Hearted</i>	C and B Stables; Susanne Pearce; Charles Frock; J. Acosta (1:40; 1:40.02)
2012	Motherload Hipster (4) <i>Dance With Ravens</i>	Dr. Ronald Harris Parker; same; Todd M. Beattie; M. Rispoli (1:39 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:39.46)
2013	Vianney Lane (5) <i>Partner's Hero</i>	Taking Risks Stable LLC; James J. Allman and Virginia N. Allman; Ben M. Feliciano Jr.; J. Pimentel (1:39; 1:39.16)
2014	Printasticat (5) <i>Fantasticat</i>	Somraj Singh and MCA Racing Stable; Edwin C. Jenkins; Claudio A. Gonzalez; D.E. Centeno (1:38 $\frac{1}{5}$; 1:38.30)
2015	Wild for Love (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	The Elkstone Group LLC; Fitzhugh LLC; Thomas Iannotti IV; N. Juarez (1:40; 1:40.08)



Printasticat defeats a huge field to take the 2014 nightcap, the Distaff Starter Handicap.

Dale Capuano took the lead in the tight race for top trainer when sending out Monster Sleeping to her second Ladies win in 2015.

LEADING TRAINERS

Name	Wins
Capuano, Dale	11
Leatherbury, King T.	10
Boniface, J. William	8
Dutrow, Anthony W.	7
Motion, H. Graham	7
Ritchey, Timothy F.	7
Robb, John J.	7
Albert, Linda L.	6
Cartwright, Ronald	6
Feliciano, Ben M., Jr.	6
Smith, Hamilton A.	6
Trombetta, Michael J.	6
Dilodovico, Damon R.	5
Garcia, Carlos A.	5
Graham, Robin L.	5
Keefe, Timothy L.	5
Campitelli, Francis P.	4
Capuano, Gary	4
Fisher, John R.S.	4
Grove, Christopher W.	4
Hadry, Charles H.	4
Murray, Lawrence E.	4
Raines, Virgil W.	4
Stites, Flint	4



Trainer Larry Murray is all smiles after Bear Access (Gators N Bears) and jockey Horacio Karamanos upset the 2014 Ladies.

The victory by Corvus in 2015 marked the second time in four years that a first-time starter captured the Nursery. Leading at every call, Corvus rewarded his backers \$53 for the win. The return was slightly higher than that for Keep Momma Happy in 2012, when he surprised to pay \$48.60. The highest win payoff in Maryland Million history is \$134.20 to backers of Bear Access in the 2014 Ladies. The Ladies has had a history of huge longshots—the previous all-time record payoff was My Sweet Nenana's \$119 for her win in 2010.

For those runners who had started for a claiming price of \$12,500 or less since the previous year's Maryland Million. Run at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles 1994 through 1997; 7 furlongs 1998 through 2000 and 2003; 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles 2001, 2002 and 2004. Run as Bally Total Fitness Distaff Starter Handicap 1995; First Maryland Bancorp Distaff Starter Handicap 1996; Cosequin Distaff Starter Handicap 1997 through 2000; Maryland Lottery Distaff Starter Handicap 2001 and 2002; Baltimore Sun Distaff Starter Handicap 2003 and 2004; Baltimore Examiner Distaff Starter Handicap 2008; Greene Turtle Distaff Starter Handicap 2011; Special Olympics Distaff Starter Handicap 2012; Brown Advisory Distaff Starter Handicap 2014; Brice Ridgely Memorial Distaff Starter Handicap 2015

*Set the Pace was disqualified from first to last based upon a Maryland Racing Commission ruling

Maryland Million Juvenile Turf

\$25,000, 2-year-olds, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf

Year	Winner	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1992	Silent Testimony <i>Deputed Testimony</i>	Wyecliff Farm; same; J. William Boniface; E.S. Prado (1:47 $\frac{4}{5}$)
1993	Bewarned <i>Caveat</i>	Ryehill Farm; Ryver Meadow Farm; David Donk; J. Velasquez (1:46)

Not run since 1993. Run on main track 1992. Run as Mercedes-Benz Maiden Turf 1992; Baltimore Convention Center Juvenile Turf 1993

Maryland Million Ladies

\$125,000, fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles, turf

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	Dismasted (4) <i>Restless Native</i>	Edward P. Evans; Edward P. Evans and Haakon Fretheim; Philip G. Johnson; J.L. Samyn (1:44 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1987	Gold Glove (4) <i>Run the Gantlet</i>	Ivy Dell Stud; P.F.N. Fanning; J. William Boniface; L. Pincay Jr. (1:49)
1988	Chapel of Dreams (4) <i>Northern Dancer</i>	T.M. Sabarese; W.T. Young Storage; Inc.; John Parisella; C.J. McCarron (1:49)
1989	Countus In (4) <i>Dancing Count</i>	Charles G. Middleton III; same; Steven M. Rieser; J.A. Krone (1:42 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1990	Countus In (5) <i>Dancing Count</i>	Charles G. Middleton III; same; Steven M. Rieser; J.A. Krone (1:42 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1991	Countus In (6) <i>Dancing Count</i>	Charles G. Middleton III; same; Steven M. Rieser; J.A. Krone (1:50 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1992	Richard's Lass (4) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Robert Perez; Allen E. Paulson; Alfredo Callejas; J.F. Chavez (1:50 $\frac{1}{5}$)
1993	Mz. Zill Bear (4) <i>Salutely</i>	Mea Culpa Stables, Inc.; same; Ronald Cartwright; E.S. Prado (1:49 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1994	Mz. Zill Bear (5) <i>Salutely</i>	Mea Culpa Stables, Inc.; same; Ronald Cartwright; L.C. Reynolds (1:53)
1995	Mz. Zill Bear (6) <i>Salutely</i>	Mea Culpa Stables, Inc.; same; Ronald Cartwright; S.D. Hamilton (1:51 $\frac{1}{5}$)
1996	Julie's Brilliance (4) <i>Marine Brass</i>	Elaine L. Bassford; Julie Bassford Collison; King T. Leatherbury; M.T. Johnston (1:59 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1997	Only Ali (5) <i>Carnivalay</i>	Yardley Manfuso; Fourbros Stable; Barclay Tagg; C.H. Marquez Jr. (1:59 $\frac{3}{5}$)
1998	Lonesome Sound (6) <i>Dancing Count</i>	Sandy Bayou Stables; Pleasant Prospect Farm; H. Graham Motion; M.E. Verge (1:52 $\frac{1}{5}$)
1999	Vaguely Rich (4) <i>Caveat</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright; same; Robin L. Graham; M.G. Pino (1:54 $\frac{4}{5}$)
2000	Caveat's Shot (5) <i>Caveat</i>	Ben Dover Stable; Mrs. Timothy J. Gardner; Dale Capuano; M.T. Johnston (1:47 $\frac{4}{5}$; 1:47.90)
2001	Stal Quest (3) <i>Norquestor</i>	Costas N. Triantafilos; Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.; Dale Capuano; T.L. Dunkelberger (1:48 $\frac{2}{5}$; 1:48.40)
2002	Shopping for Love (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Dennis D'Arcangelo and Donald J. George; New River Stable Partnership; Kenneth A. Nesky; R. Migliore (1:48 $\frac{3}{5}$; 1:48.61)
2003	Hail Hillary (3) <i>Yarrow Brae</i>	Larry Slavin; Alan S. Kline; David C. Kassen; A. Castellano Jr. (1:46 $\frac{4}{5}$; 1:46.86)
2004	Hail Hillary (4)	Larry Slavin; Alan S. Kline; David C. Kassen;

2005	Yarrow Brae Surf Light (4) Malibu Moon	M.G. Pino (1:51; 1:51.09) Country Life Farm; Country Life Farm and Silent LLC; Flint W. Stites; R. Soodeen (1:51½; 1:51.95)
2006	Debbie Sue (5) Citidancer	Fred A. Greene Jr.; Gillian Gordon-Moore; Hamilton A. Smith; J. Rose (1:47¾; 1:47.63)
2007	Maddy's Heart (3) Lion Hearted	Dennis J. Federico; same; Timothy A. Hills; R.A. Dominguez (1:47½; 1:47.26)
2008	Miss Lombardi (6) Unbridled Jet	Linda and Robert Newton; Linda D. Newton; H. Graham Motion; J. Rose (1:49¾; 1:49.52)
2009	Talkin About Love (5) Not For Love	Kevin G. Sleeter; same; same; C.H. Marquez Jr. (1:47¾; 1:47.85)
2010	My Sweet Nenana (4) Jazz Club	Daniel T. O'Ryan; James B. Steele Jr.; Daniel T. O'Ryan; C. Ho (1:54¾; 1:54.67)
2011	Love's Blush (5) Not For Love	Richard L. Golden; Sycamore Hall Farm LLC; Rodney Jenkins; J. Rose (1:55; 1:55.03)
2012	Pagan Priestess (4) Oratory	Bobby G. Sowder; same; W. Robert Bailes; M. Luzzi (1:49¾; 1:49.40)
2013	Monster Sleeping (4) Oratory	Charles J. Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vogel; Dale Capuano; Jose A. Garcia (1:53¾; 1:53.54)
2014	Bear Access (4) Gators N Bears	Howard M. Bender; Sondra D. Bender and Howard M. Bender; Lawrence E. Murray; H.A. Karamanos (1:54¾; 1:54.83)
2015	Monster Sleeping (6) Oratory	Charles J. Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vogel; Dale Capuano; S. Russell (1:51½; 1:51.39)

Run at 1¼ miles 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990. Run on main track 1992 and 1995. Run as Eskimo Pie Ladies 1986; First National Bank of Maryland Ladies 1987 through 1992; BWI Airport Ladies 1993; USAir Ladies 1994, 1995; Carrollton Bank Ladies 1997 through 1999; Kameen Laser Eye Associates Ladies 2000 and 2001; Susquehanna Bank Ladies 2004; Apple Ford Ladies 2011; Sagamore Ladies 2012; Special Olympics Maryland Ladies 2013; Heritage Stallions Inc. Maryland Ladies 2014, 2015

Maryland Million Lassie

\$100,000, 2-year-old fillies, 6 furlongs

Year	Winner	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	Smart Halo Smarten	Sam-Son Farm; E.P. Taylor; James E. Day; D.J. Seymour (1:39¾)
1987	Thirty Eight Go Go Thirty Eight Paces	Janet Wayson; K.T. Leatherbury Assoc., Inc.; King T. Leatherbury; C.J. McCarron (1:12¾)
1988	Ms. Gold Pole North Pole	R.J. Troncone; same; John H. Forbes; J.A. Krone (1:24)
1989	She's a Champ Island Champ	Search's Haven; J.C. Heil; Harold A. Allen; M.J. Luzzi (1:11¾)
1990	Ameri Allen Allen's Prospect	Hal C.B. Clagett; same; John J. Robb; A. Delgado (1:13¾)
1991	Missy White Oak Baederwood	Meeting House Farm; same; Charles J. Hadry; J.A. Krone (1:12¾)
1992	Carnirainbow Carnivalay	Hal C.B. Clagett; same; John J. Robb; G.W. Hutton (1:12¾)
1993	Lady Beaumont Lord Gaylord	Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.; same; Ronald A. Alfano; F. Castillo (1:25½)
1994	Prospector's Fuel Allen's Prospect	Colossal Stable; R. Richards Rolapp; L. William Donovan; M.G. Pino (1:23¾)
1995	Mystic Rhythms Citidancer	Just for Fun Stable; Rising Sun Farm, Inc.; John F. Dowd; J. Bravo (1:24¾)
1996	Lovely Tasha Private Terms	New Farm; Mary B. Boskin; Benjamin W. Perkins; R. Wilson (1:24¾)
1997	Maragold Princess Smarten	Michael Cascio; Ryver Meadow Farm; Todd A. Pletcher; E.S. Prado (1:26¾)
1998	Perfect Challenge Sewickley	3-B Stables; Mrs. Helen Kelly; Linda L. Albert; C.O. Klinger (1:26¾)
1999	Gin Talking Allen's Prospect	Skeedattle Associates; Barbara C. Graham; Hamilton A. Smith; M.T. Johnston (1:24¾)

Maryland Million 2016



My Magician, from the first crop of Street Magician, digs in late to win 2014 Lassie over onrushing Rocky Policy (outside).

In 30 years of Maryland Million races, horses have won in the names of 241 owners—from one-horse stables to some of the biggest names in racing.

Robert Manfuso, among the event's leading breeders (alone or in partnership), got his first win as an owner in 2015 with Corvus, in partnership with Katy Voss and Wayne Harrison.

LEADING OWNERS

Name	Wins
Bender, Sondra D.	5
Mea Culpa Stables Inc.	5
Country Life Farm	4
Fowler, Anderson	4
Janney, Stuart S., III	4
Ryehill Farm.	4
Clagett, Hal C.B.	3
Daney, Mrs. Bernard J.	3
Ford, Eugene F.	3
Heft, Sylvia E.	3
Jayeff B Stable and B. Weisbord	3
Middleton, Charles G., III	3
Murray, E. Allen, Jr.	3
Taking Risks Stable LLC.	3
The Jim Stable	3
The Nonsequitur Stable LLC	3

LEADING JOCKEYS

Name	Wins
Dominguez, R.A.	17
Pino, M.G.	16
Prado, E.S.	16
Rose, J.	15
Karamanos, H.A.	9
Pimentel, J.	9
Johnston, M.T.	8
Krone, J.A.	8
Desormeaux, K.J.	7
Fogelsoner, R.	7
Wilson, R.	7
Dunkelberger, T.L.	6
Marquez, C.H., Jr.	6
Delgado, A.	5
Elliott, S.	5
Luzzi, M.J.	5
Perret, C.	5
Russell, S.	5
Boyce, F.	4
Castellano, A., Jr.	4
Garcia, Luis	4
Naprawnik, A.R.	4
Pincay, L., Jr.	4
Reynolds, L.C.	4
Santos, J.A.	4

2000	Your Out <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Eugene F. Ford; same; H. Graham Motion; R.A. Dominguez (1:24; 1:24.11)
2001	Night Breeze <i>Two Punch</i>	Lazy Lane Farms, Inc.; Lazy Lane Stables, Inc.; H. Graham Motion; R.A. Dominguez (1:11½; 1:11.85)
2002	Object of Virtue <i>Partner's Hero</i>	Leslie D. Linkenhoker; Mr. and Mrs. David Caldwell; Gregory D. Foley; C. Perret (1:13¾; 1:13.72)
2003	Richetta <i>Polish Numbers</i>	Higgins and Bowman; Elk Manor Farm; Robin L. Graham; R.A. Dominguez (1:24½; 1:24.33)
2004	Hear Us Roar <i>Lion Hearted</i>	Rosalee C. Davison; same; Francis P. Campitelli; L. Garcia (1:11¾; 1:11.61)
2005	Smart and Fancy <i>Not For Love</i>	Win and Place Stable; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; Anthony W. Dutrow; R.A. Dominguez (1:25¾; 1:25.98)
2006	Spectacular Malibu <i>Malibu Moon</i>	Country Life Farm; Charles H. and Constance H. Hadry; Michael J. Trombetta; J. Pimentel (1:25½; 1:25.30)
2007	Love for Not <i>Not For Love</i>	Kathleen Willier; Golden Dome Stable; Kevin G. Sleeter; S. Elliott (1:26; 1:26.11)
2008	Miss Charm City <i>Bowman's Band</i>	Estate of James Glenn; James Glenn; Carlos A. Garcia; H.A. Karamanos (1:24¾; 1:24.81)
2009	Lil Kiara <i>Lion Hearted</i>	Kokomo Stable and S. Smith; same; Cathal Lynch; C.H. Marquez Jr. (1:11½; 1:11.82)
2010	Doing Great <i>Great Notion</i>	R. Larry Johnson; same; Michael J. Trombetta; J. Pimentel (1:12; 1:12.06)
2011	Bluegrass Atitude <i>Two Punch</i>	All the Above Racing; Bowman and Higgins Stable, Anthony W. Dutrow and Rebecca Davis; John Salzman Jr.; J. Chavez (1:12¾; 1:12.45)
2012	Classy Coco <i>Not For Love</i>	Michael R. Cox; Jonathan Thorne and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott; T. Bernard Houghton; M. Rispoli (1:13¾; 1:13.34)
2013	Jonesin for Jerry <i>Great Notion</i>	Brad Gould Jr. and Hidden Hill Farm; Roland Farm; John J. Robb; A. Castellano Jr. (1:11; 1:11.04)
2014	My Magician <i>Street Magician</i>	R. Larry Johnson and R D M Racing Stable; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Brooke C. Bowman and R. Larry Johnson; Michael J. Trombetta; J. Pimentel (1:12½; 1:12.22)
2015	Lexington Street <i>(Maryland-bred)</i>	Marathon Farms Inc.; same; Gary Capuano; J. Toledo (1:11; 1:11.13)

Run at 1 mile 1986; 7 furlongs 1988, 1993 through 2000, 2003, 2005 through 2008. Run as USF&G Lassie 1986 through 1990; Chesapeake Bay Lassie 1991; Harborplace Lassie 1992, 1993; Baltimore Orioles Lassie 1994; Alex. Brown Lassie 1995; The Rouse Company Lassie 1996 through 1998; Baltimore Magazine Lassie 1999 and 2000; Phillips Seafood Lassie 2001; Baltimore Sun Lassie 2010; Farm Family Lassie 2011; Gregory H. Barnhill Memorial Lassie 2012; Fasig-Tipton Lassie 2013; Country Life and Merryland Lassie 2014; Northview Stallion Station Lassie 2015



Golden Years, the first of four Not For Love winners on the card, takes the 2014 opener, the Nursery, as the 3-10 favorite.

Maryland Million Nursery

\$100,000, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs

Year	Winner	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	First Patriot <i>Salutely</i>	W. Rickman; same; H. Allen Jerkens; V. Bracciale Jr. (1:37¾)
1987	Sean's Ferrari <i>Salutely</i>	McManus Stable; Margaret McManus; J. William Boniface; L. Pincay Jr. (1:12½)
1988	Snow King <i>Rollicking</i>	Sondra D. Bender; Glade Valley Farms, Inc.; Loren Pate; K.J. Desormeaux (1:24¾)
1989	Real Tough <i>Oh Say</i>	Sandra Stancer; Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Stancer; Sandra Stancer; M.T. Hunter (1:10¾)
1990	Xray <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Allen E. Paulson; same; Richard J. Lundy; C. Perret (1:12¾)
1991	Coolin It <i>North Pole</i>	Mrs. Ben Cohen; Davidson and Hoffberger; Hubert Hine; L. Rivera Jr. (1:11¾)
1992	Military Look <i>Assault Landing</i>	Stuart S. Janney III; same; Charles H. Hadry; K.J. Desormeaux (1:12)
1993	Run Alden <i>John Alden</i>	Hal C.B. Claggett; same; John J. Robb; G.W. Hutton (1:24)
1994	Sam's Quest <i>Norquestor</i>	Frank Giardina; same; Francis P. Campitelli; R. Migliore (1:24¾)

1995	Count On Numbers <i>Polish Numbers</i>	Herman J. Kossow; same; Carlos A. Garcia; M.T. Johnston (1:25½)
1996	Carrolls Favorite <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Eugene F. Ford; same; H. Graham Motion; E.S. Prado (1:23¾)
1997	Carnivorous Habit <i>Carnivalay</i>	Hickory Plains Farm; Albert H. and Randy L. Cohen; Hamilton A. Smith; E.S. Prado (1:27)
1998	Pulling Punches <i>Two Punch</i>	Brushwood Stable; same; Michael J. Moran; M.E. Verge (1:25½)
1999	Darwin <i>Two Punch</i>	C K Woods Stable; Louisa W. Lenehan; William Badgett Jr.; R. Wilson (1:24½)
2000	T P Louie <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	B J and B D Partners; Richard D. Norling; Martin E. Ciresa; F.L. Ortiz (1:23¾; 1:23.93)
2001	Pal's Partner <i>Rakeen</i>	Timber Creek Farm; same; Walter C. Reese; A. Cole (1:11¾; 1:11.70)
2002	Cherokee's Boy <i>Citidancer</i>	ZWP Stables; same; Gary Capuano; R. Fogelsonger (1:11½; 1:11.21)
2003	Polish Rifle <i>Polish Numbers</i>	Ronald H. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; Anthony W. Dutrow; M.G. Pino (1:23; 1:23.17)
2004	What's Up Lonely <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Fortunate Stable; Thornmar Farm; Dale Capuano; R. Fogelsonger (1:11¾; 1:11.72)
2005	Creve Coeur* <i>Lion Hearted</i>	Eugene F. Ford; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; H. Graham Motion; R.A. Dominguez (1:26½; 1:26.21)
2006	Clifton Park <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Trade Winds Farm; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Laura Schrock and Allen's Prospect Syndicate; Bruce C. Jackson; A.R. Napravnik (1:25; 1:25.07)
2007	Regal Solo <i>Louis Quatorze</i>	E. Allen Murray Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.; Linda L. Albert; R. Fogelsonger (1:25¾; 1:25.79)
2008	Juke Joint <i>Jazz Club</i>	R Legacy Racing Inc. and Lonnie Stokes; David DiPietro; Lonnie Stokes; D.V. Beckner (1:26½; 1:26.22)
2009	Toboggan Slide <i>Rock Slide</i>	Daniel T. O'Ryan; James B. Steele Jr.; Daniel T. O'Ryan; W.E. Llagas (1:09¾; 1:09.22)
2010	Steady Warrior <i>Cherokee's Boy</i>	ZWP Stable Inc. and Non Stop Stable; ZWP Stable; Gary Capuano; T.L. Dunkelberger (1:11; 1:11.18)
2011	Glib <i>Great Notion</i>	No Guts No Glory Stable; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; John Robb; E. Camacho (1:10¾; 1:10.95)
2012	Keep Momma Happy <i>Scipion</i>	Edmund Baxter; David Baxter; Ben M. Feliciano Jr.; C.H. Marquez Jr. (1:12¾; 1:12.76)
2013	It's a Bang <i>Great Notion</i>	Walter Vieser II; Country Roads Ltd.; Donald H. Barr; R. Monterrey (1:10¾; 1:10.48)
2014	Golden Years <i>Not For Love</i>	Hillwood Stable; O'Sullivan Farms; Rodney Jenkins; V.R. Carrasco (1:10¾; 1:10.54)
2015	Corvus <i>Dance With Ravens</i>	Wayne Harrison, Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss; Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss; Katharine M. Voss; J. Toledo (1:12; 1:12.15)

Run at 1 mile 1986; 7 furlongs 1988, 1993 through 2000, 2003, 2005 through 2008. Run as Business Express Nursery 1986, 1987; All Maryland Nursery 1988, 1989; Crown Central Petroleum Nursery 1990 through 1995; Maryland Lottery Nursery 1999 and 2000; Susquehanna Bank Nursery 2001; Maryland Department of Transportation Nursery 2002; E. Allen Murray Jr. Memorial Nursery 2013; Fasig-Tipton Nursery 2008 through 2012, 2014, 2015

*X Marks the Spot was disqualified from first to second in 2005

Ramon Dominguez, Maryland Million's all-time leading rider, became the most recent Maryland Million-winning jockey to be inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame, joining Jerry Bailey, Kent Desormeaux, Julie Krone, Eddie Maple, Chris McCarron, Laffit Pincay Jr., Edgar Prado, Mike Smith, Jose Santos, Gary Stevens and Jorge Velasquez.

Three riders took home their first crystal trophies in 2015, most spectacularly Jevian Toledo, with victories in the Nursery, Lassie and Starter Handicap. Also getting first wins were Taylor Hole in the Classic and Nik Juarez (Distaff Starter).

Maryland Million Oaks

\$100,000, 3-year-old fillies, 1 mile

Year	Winner	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	Smart 'n Quick <i>Wise Exchange</i>	J.B. Merryman; same; Katharine M. Voss; A. Delgado (1:51¾)
1987	Angelina County <i>Rollicking</i>	Carey K. Miller; same; J. William Boniface; M.G. Pino (1:50¾)
1988	Oh My Pride <i>Oh Say</i>	Ivy Dell Stud; same; Michael J. Moran; J.A. Santos (1:51¾)
1989	Beware of the Cat <i>Caveat</i>	Ryehill Farm; same; Lazaro S. Barrera; E. Maple (1:50¾)

Thirty horses have won more than one Maryland Million event. Monster Sleeping recorded her second Ladies win in 2015 in rousing fashion, by a larger margin and faster time than she did in 2013.

The most wins by any one horse in Maryland Million history is three. The racemares Safely Kept (Distaff—1989-'91) and Countus In (Ladies—1989-'91) were the first, followed by Mz. Zill Bear (Ladies—1993-'95), Docent (2001 Sweepstakes; 2002-'03 Classic) and Ben's Cat (Turf Sprint—2010-'12). Eighttofasttocatch joined the exalted group with an accomplishment all his own—he became the first three-time winner of the Classic, the biggest race on the card, taking the 2011, 2013 and 2014 editions.

1990	McKilts <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	DanDar Farm; North Highland Farm; W. Meredith Bailes; J. Rocco (1:50½)
1991	Richard's Lass <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Robert M. Perez; Allen E. Paulson; Alfredo Callejas; J.F. Chavez (1:42¾)
1992	Deputation <i>Deputy Minister</i>	Stuart S. Janney III; same; Claude R. McGaughey III; J.A. Krone (1:44¾)
1993	Champion Jay <i>Clever Champ</i>	Herman J. Kossov; same; Carlos A. Garcia; E.S. Prado (1:50¾)
1994	Churchbell Chimes <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	Susan Granville; Bonita Farm; J. William Boniface; A. Delgado (1:50½)
1995	Urbane <i>Citidancer</i>	Jan, Mace and Samantha Siegel; Violet Cleveland and Frank Zureick; Randy Bradshaw; C.S. Nakatani (1:50¾)
1996	The Ruler's Sister <i>Horatius</i>	Childs & Childs Stable; Rebecca Bowman Davis; Donald H. Barr; E.S. Prado (1:49¾)
1997	Proud Run <i>Proud Truth</i>	Katharine W. Merryman; same; Richard J. Hendriks; N. Santagata (1:51¼)
1998	Maragold Princess <i>Smarten</i>	Michael Cascio; Ryver Meadow Farms; Todd A. Pletcher; E.S. Prado (1:51¼)
1999	Saratoga Friends <i>Valley Crossing</i>	Saratoga Friends Stable; Glade Valley Farms, Inc.; Anthony W. Dutrow; R. Wilson (1:51¾)
2000	Gin Talking <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Skeedattle Associates; Barbara C. Graham; Robin L. Graham; R.A. Dominguez (1:48¾; 1:48.71)
2001	Along Came Mary <i>Citidancer</i>	Gerald A. Nielsen; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nielsen; H. James Bond; T.L. Dunkelberger (1:45¾; 1:45.71)
2002	Undercover <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Anthony W. Dutrow; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Allen's Prospect Syndicate; Anthony W. Dutrow; M.G. Pino (1:43¾; 1:43.90)
2003	River Cruise <i>Not For Love</i>	Sondra D. Bender; Sondra Bender and Howard M. Bender; Lawrence E. Murray; J. Rose (1:50¾; 1:50.65)
2004	Silmaril <i>Diamond</i>	Stephen E. Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek; same; Christopher Grove; A. Castellano Jr. (1:43¾; 1:43.98)
2005	Sticky <i>Concern</i>	Fitzhugh LLC; Robert E. Meyerhoff; Richard W. Small; J.Z. Santana (1:54¾; 1:54.20)
2006	Smart and Fancy <i>Not For Love</i>	Win and Place Stable; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; Anthony W. Dutrow; J. Rose (1:37¾; 1:37.34)
2007	Moon Catcher <i>Malibu Moon</i>	CJZ Racing Stable and Timothy F. Ritchey; Albert H. Cohen; Randy L. Cohen and A. Ferris Allen III; Tim F. Ritchey; A.S. Black (1:37¾; 1:37.47)
2008	Sweet Goodbye <i>Louis Quatorze</i>	William R. Harris; same; Christopher W. Grove; J.D. Acosta (1:38¾; 1:38.47)
2009	Love That Dance <i>Not For Love</i>	John Petrini; same; Ben W. Perkins Jr.; C.H. Marquez Jr. (1:36¾; 1:36.40)
2010	Baltimore Belle <i>Bowman's Band</i>	Robert Gerczak and Kaygar Stable; Carol Kaye-Garcia and Barbara Smith; John B. Secor; V. Diaz (1:38¾; 1:38.35)
2011	Brushed by Love <i>Not For Love</i>	Nona Lisa Stables LLC; Bowman and Higgins Stable; Thomas Sutton and Huckleberry Farm LLC; Michael Trombetta; J. Pimentel (1:38¾; 1:38.68)
2012	Jazzy Idea <i>Great Notion</i>	Edwin W. Merryman; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Merryman; Edwin W. Merryman; E. Trujillo (1:38¾; 1:38.64)

Not run since 2012. Run at 1¼ miles 1991, 1992, 2001, 2002 and 2004. Run at 1½ miles 1986 to 1990, 1994 to 2001, 2003 and 2005. Run as Omni International Oaks 1986, 1987; Kennard Warfield Jr. Group Oaks 1988 through 1990; Challedon Society Oaks 1993; Diamond Comics' Superheroine Oaks 1994; Baltimore Magazine Oaks 1995 through 1998; Baltimore Sun Oaks 1999 through 2002; Cosequin® Oaks 2004; Maryland Lottery Oaks 2007; Capital Bank Oaks 2010; Lucy Acton Memorial Oaks 2011; Penn Vet New Bolton Center Oaks 2012.

Maryland Million Sprint Handicap

\$100,000, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	King's Swan (6) <i>King's Bishop</i>	Moshe Asher Stable; Mrs. Dion K. Kerr; Richard E. Dutrow; V. Bracciale Jr. (1:11)
1987	Cool Joe (5) <i>Cold Reception</i>	Country Roads; Vincent Moscarelli; H. Allen Jerkens; V. Bracciale Jr. (1:11¾)

1988	King's Nest (3) <i>Rollicking</i>	Sondra D. Bender; Glade Valley Farms, Inc.; Richard E. Dutrow; C.J. McCarron (1:10½)
1989	Deputy Shaw (4) <i>Deputy Minister</i>	Ron Davis; W.H.P. Partners; David Monaci; J.C. Ferrer (1:09½; etr)
1990	Jeweler's Choice (5) <i>Shelter Half</i>	G. A. Huguely; Fourbros Stable; John W. Hicks III; C. Perret (1:09½)
1991	Smart Alec (3) <i>Smarten</i>	Mrs. W.F.L. Tuttle; same; Richard W. Delp; M.G. Pino (1:10½)
1992	Charlie You Know (4) <i>Horatius</i>	Joseph C. Perry; same; Wallace C. Neilson; S.D. Hamilton (1:10½)
1993	Military Look (3) <i>Assault Landing</i>	Stuart S. Janney III; same; Charles H. Hadry; K.J. Desormeaux (1:09½)
1994	Prenup (3) <i>Smarten</i>	Edward P. Evans; same; Mark Hennig; J.A. Santos (1:09)
1995	Foxie G (4) <i>Horatius</i>	Phillip L. Capuano; Charles E. Reithmeyer; Dale Capuano; E.S. Prado (1:09½)
1996	Punch Line (6) <i>Two Punch</i>	Althea Richards; Althea R. Johnson; William H. Turner Jr.; M.G. Pino (1:09½)
1997	Aberfoyle (5) <i>Perfecting</i>	C. Frank Hopkins; same; John J. Lenzini; M.T. Johnston (1:10½)
1998	Greenspring Willy (3) <i>Smarten</i>	Post Time 96; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. McGinnes; Richard E. Dutrow; L.C. Reynolds (1:10½)
1999	Aristotle (3) <i>Two Punch</i>	Paraneck Stable; Anita Hirsch; Louis Albertrani; M.J. McCarthy (1:09½)
2000	McKendree (4) <i>Norquestor</i>	E & G Stables; Carol Ann Kaye; Scott A. Lake; M.T. Johnston (1:08½; 1:08.56)
2001	Jorgie Stover (3) <i>Press Card</i>	P & J Stable; Country Life Farm and James Glenn; John V. Alecci; M.J. McCarthy (1:10½; 1:10.47)
2002	Deer Run (5) <i>Deerhound</i>	William R. Harris; same; Christopher W. Grove; M.G. Pino (1:10½; 1:10.60)
2003	Michael's Pride (6) <i>Not For Love</i>	Edward E. Turner; Patricia J. Izdebski; Howard E. Wolfendale; J.Z. Santana (1:09½; 1:09.21)
2004	My Poker Player (4) <i>Not For Love</i>	Roddy J. Valente; Dr. George and Kim Harmening; Bruce N. Levine; R. Fogelsonger (1:10; 1:10.13)
2005	Saay Mi Name (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Wayne M. Bailey; Wayne M. Bailey and Urban L. Deiter Jr.; Wayne M. Bailey; C. VanHassel (1:10½; 1:10.68)
2006	Ironton (6) <i>Not For Love</i>	TradeWinds Stable; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; Scott A. Lake; J. Rose (1:09½; 1:09.54)
2007	Grand Champion (4) <i>Two Punch</i>	Susan and John Moore; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Jason L. Layfield; James A. Jerkens; R.A. Dominguez (1:10½; 1:10.27)
2008	Celtic Innis (6) <i>Yarrow Brae</i>	E. Allen Murray Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray; Timothy L. Keefe; C. Gibbs (1:10½; 1:10.81)
2009	Roaring Lion (5) <i>Lion Hearted</i>	Repole Stable; Buckingham Farm; Bruce N. Levine; R.A. Dominguez (1:08½; 1:08.68)
2010	Jack On the Rocks (5) <i>Outflanker</i>	Funky Munky Stable LLC; David DiPietro and Herbert A. May III; Gary P. Gullo; S. Russell (1:09½; 1:09.85)
2011	Sloane Ranger (5) <i>Parker's Storm Cat</i>	Vicki Schowe; same; Martin Ciresa; H. Karamanos (1:10; 1:10.15)
2012	Action Andy (5) <i>Gators N Bears</i>	Robert Gerczak; Carol Kaye; Carlos A. Garcia; H. Karamanos (1:10½; 1:10.39)
2013	Ribo Bobo (5) <i>Louis Quatorze</i>	Mr. Amore Stable; Rapputi Stables LLC; Jason Servis; J. Pimentel (1:08½; 1:08.64)
2014	D C Dancer (4) <i>Not For Love</i>	TomRus LLC; Katharine M. Voss and Robert T. Manfuso; Michael J. Trombeta; A. Serpa (1:09½; 1:09.93)
2015	Jack's in the Deck (6) <i>Love of Money</i>	M.E. Jones and Robin Graham; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; Robin Graham; F. Boyce (1:10½; 1:10.74)

Run as First National Bank of Maryland Sprint Handicap 1986; Jiffy Lube Sprint Handicap 1987, 1988; State of Maryland Sprint Handicap 1989; USAir Sprint Handicap 1990 through 1993; BWI Airport Sprint Handicap 1994, 1995; Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development Sprint Handicap 1996 through 2002; Susquehanna Bank Sprint Handicap 2003; Fasig-Tipton Sprint Handicap 2007; Larry M. Wolf Memorial Sprint Handicap 2008; Apple Ford Sprint 2012; HRTV Sprint 2013; Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing at Berkley Farm Sprint 2014; Special Olympics Maryland Sprint 2011, 2015

Awad, a multimillionaire and four-time Maryland-bred champion turf runner, and Turf winner of 1993, was the first Maryland Million winner to sire a Maryland Million winner. His son Let Me Be Frank won the opener in 2008, the Starter Handicap, by a dazzling 10 lengths.

Cherokee's Boy is the other Maryland Million winner to sire a Maryland Million winner. He and his son Steady Warrior won the Nursery (2002 and 2010).

The first Maryland Million-winning filly to produce a Maryland Million winner is Sticky. The Oaks winner of 2005 is the dam of 2015 Distaff Starter winner Wild for Love.



D C Dancer's victory in the 2014 Sprint was the fifth in 12 years for a son of Not For Love in the race.



The Maryland Million Classic was dominated in the late 1980s and early 1990s by owner/breeder Anderson Fowler and trainer Virgil W. (Buddy) Raines. Each well into his 80s (and now deceased), the remarkable duo sent out Master Speaker to win the race in 1989 and Timely Warning in 1990 and '91.

Two other trainers have since sent out three Classic winners—Tim Ritchey in consecutive years from 2001 through 2003, first with Sumerset followed by two-time winner Docent. Tim Keefe trained Sylvia Heft's three-time Classic winner Eighttofasttocatch (2011, 2013 and 2014).



Outflanker's son Outbacker (7) prevails in the 2014 Starter Handicap as the top weight in the field of 13.

Maryland Million Sprint Starter Handicap

\$30,000, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1992	Score Thirty Eight (4) <i>Thirty Eight Paces</i>	Yvonne J. Stoner; Marian P. Regan; Francis P. Campitelli; C.C. Fenwick III (1:43½)
1993	Heading Home (4) <i>Thirty Eight Paces</i>	Clarence W. Hoyt; Janet L. Wayson; Leroy W. Boyer; F. Castillo (1:50½)
1994	Snooky's Taylor (4) <i>Taylor's Special</i>	Ram Stables; Glenstone Equine Enterprises; W. Robert Bailes; G.R. Delgado (1:50½)
Not run 1994 to 2002		
2003	My Navy (5) <i>Valley Crossing</i>	John and Joanna Schaefer; Robert E. Meyerhoff; Dale Capuano; R.A. Dominguez (1:24; 1:24.11)
2004	Drum Roll Please (4) <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	Richard Shannon; Albert H. and Randy L. Cohen; Donnovan Haughton; R. Monterrey (1:11½; 1:11.58)
2005	Foxs Gold Digger (5) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Hubert L. Cave; Franklin R. Fowler and F.S. Cole; Hubert L. Cave; R.A. Dominguez (1:11½; 1:11.96)
2006	Busy Prospect (4) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Haywood Hyman Jr.; Sondra Bender and Howard M. Bender; Phil Schoenthal; A.R. Napravnik (1:10½; 1:10.49)
2007	Be Oh Be (5) <i>Diamond</i>	Phillip G. Oshier; R M Zig Stables Inc.; Andrea Gonzalez; H.G. Ramos (1:11; 1:11.02)
2008	He's a Dixie Boy (5) <i>Swear by Dixie</i>	Country Ridge Racing LLC; Donald G. McClinton; Tim Schuh; Luis Garcia (1:11½; 1:11.51)
2009	Take Down Two (4) <i>Not For Love</i>	Larry E. Rabold; Richard W. Small and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman; J. Rose (1:10½; 1:10.34)

Not run since 2009. For those runners who had started for a claiming price of \$7,500 or less since the previous year's Maryland Million. Run at 1¼ miles 1992; 1½ miles in 1993 and 1994; 7 furlongs in 2003. Run as Maryland Million amateur race prior to 1992; "Maryland, You Are Beautiful" Starter Allowance 1992; First Maryland Bancorp Starter Handicap 1993; Maryland Lottery Sprint Starter Handicap 2003, 2004; Baltimore Sun Sprint Starter Handicap 2006, 2007 and 2009

Maryland Million Starter Handicap

\$50,000, 3-year-olds and up, 1 mile

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	London Market (4) <i>Christopher R.</i>	Edwin Wachtel; Fourbros Stable; Howard M. Tesher; F. Lovato Jr. (1:54½)
1987	Jolly Jackie (4) <i>Jolly Johu</i>	Mary Ann Streaker; same; William E. Streaker; A. Iliescu (1:51½)
1988	Kalli (5) <i>Gregorian</i>	Ann M. Heffner; Mrs. Anderson Fowler; Ann M. Heffner; D.A. Miller Jr. (1:51½)
1989	Big Upheavel (4) <i>Hasty Spring</i>	Michael D. Flynn; Worth a Try Stable; King T. Leatherbury; K.J. Desormeaux (1:50½)
1990	Arugula (5) <i>Hail Emperor</i>	Scarlett Farm; Glade Valley Farms, Inc.; Steven E. Rowan; R. Wilson (1:51)
1991	Sweet Bunny (5) <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	Milton P. Higgins III; Margaret McManus; Donald H. Barr; M.J. Luzzi (1:50½)
1992	Asserche (4) <i>Assert-Ire</i>	John V. Alecci; Keswick Stables; Karen A. Patty; K.J. Desormeaux (1:50½)
1993	Gayquare (4) <i>Lord Gaylord</i>	Mea Culpa Stables, Inc.; Dr. and Mrs. F.B. Peterson; Ronald Cartwright; E.S. Prado (1:49½)
1994	Paddy's Landing (3) <i>Carnivalay</i>	Helen G. Wallace; Red Hill Farm; Charles H. Hadry; M.E. Smith (1:50½)
1995	Den of Thieves (5) <i>Believe the Queen</i>	One & Won Stable; Barbara M. Kees; King T. Leatherbury; J.L. Umana (1:50½)
1996	Royal Edict (6) <i>Hail Emperor</i>	Four D Stable; Fourbros Stable; Ben M. Feliciano Jr.; C.O. Klinger (1:49½)
1997	Warrenpeace (4) <i>Deputed Testamony</i>	Shoulda Coulda Woulda Stable; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III; Damon R. Dilodovico; M.J. Luzzi (1:52)
1998	Main Quest (5) <i>Norquestor</i>	Germania Farms, Inc.; Robert T. Manfuso; H. Graham Motion; E.S. Prado (1:51½)

1999	Pride of Benray (4) <i>Oh Say</i>	Louis J. Ulman; Benray Farm; Dale Capuano; R. Wilson (1:51½)
2000	Sound System (7) <i>Waquoit</i>	Michael Gill; Robert T. Manfuso; Gamaliel Vazquez; J. Rocco (1:50¾; 1:50.73)
2001	Blazing Colors (5) <i>Valley Crossing</i>	Arrowhead Stables; Audley Farm Inc.; King T. Leatherbury; J. Santana (1:51½; 1:51.42)
2002	Top of the News (4) <i>Press Card</i>	Phyllis Dixon; Houghton, Marshall and Buckingham Farm; Timothy F. Ritchey; J. Rose (1:51½; 1:51.32)
2003	Irish Colony (3) <i>Larrupin'</i>	Ryehill Farm; same; Ronald C. Cartwright; E.D. Rodriguez (1:49¾; 1:49.94)
2004	Dixie Colony (4) <i>Citidancer</i>	Debra E. Kachel; Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III; Richard J. Hendriks; S. Elliott (1:51¾; 1:51.89)
2005	Dixie Colony (5) <i>Citidancer</i>	Debra E. Kachel; Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III; Richard J. Hendriks; S. Elliott (1:54; 1:54.09)
2006	Off the Glass (7) <i>Press Card</i>	Joseph Cuppy III; Nonsequitur Stable; Damon R. Dilodovico; M.G. Pino (1:52¾; 1:52.28)
2007	Off the Glass (8) <i>Press Card</i>	Nonsequitur Stable LLC; same; Linda L. Albert; R. Fogelsonger (1:52¾; 1:52.37)
2008	Let Me Be Frank (6) <i>Awad</i>	Mark B. Lapidus LLC; Plane Tree Farm; Damon R. Dilodovico; T.L. Dunkelberger (1:53; 1:53.06)
2009	Amazin Sun (3) <i>Louis Quatorze</i>	E. Allen Murray Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.; Linda L. Albert; J. Navarro (1:52¾; 1:52.49)
2010	Northpoint Costas (4) <i>Bowman's Band</i>	Rob Ry Farm and Jayne Marie Slys; Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss; Dale Capuano; E. Trujillo (1:38¾; 1:38.91)
2011	Shordawatyadrink (6) <i>Mojave Moon</i>	Horace M. Parker and Heather A. Burton; Mike Gill; Horace Parker; L. Batista (1:38¾; 1:38.62)
2012	Varborough (3) <i>Outflanker</i>	Joey P Stables; Hamilton Smith; John J. Robb; J. Rose (1:38¾; 1:38.74)
2013	Tooth N Claw (3) <i>Gators N Bears</i>	Richard F. Blue Jr.; Bonita Farm; Ann W. Merryman; C. Keiser (1:37; 1:37.14)
2014	Outbacker (5) <i>Outflanker</i>	Larry R. Reed; Bonita Farm; owner; A. Cintron (1:37¾; 1:37.26)
2015	Stolen Love (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Two Rivers Racing Stable LLC and MCA Racing Stable LLC; Classic Thoroughbreds XII; Claudio A. Gonzalez; J. Toledo (1:38¾; 1:38.80)

Run at 1½ miles 1986 to 2009. For those runners who had started for a claiming price of \$12,500 or less since the previous year's Maryland Million. Run as Thoroughbred ARC Handicap 1986; Crown Central Petroleum Handicap 1988, 1989; Mercedes-Benz Handicap 1990, 1991; "Maryland, You Are Beautiful" Handicap 1993; Harborplace Handicap 1994; The Rouse Company Handicap 1995; Helix Health/Medlantic Healthcare Group/BWHealth Handicap 1996, 1997; Helix Health/Medlantic Healthcare Group Handicap 1998; Cosequin® Handicap 2001 through 2003; Baltimore Sun Handicap 2005; Maryland Lottery Handicap 2006; Baltimore Examiner Handicap 2007; Baltimore Sun Handicap 2008; Penn Vet New Bolton Center Handicap 2014; Sagamore Farm Handicap 1987, 2015

Maryland Million Steeplechase Handicap

\$25,000, 3-year-olds and up, about 2 miles over National fences

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1991	Make Azilian (7) <i>Run the Gantlet</i>	Dogwood Stable; Mrs. K.A. Roe; Charles Fenwick Jr.; J. Teter (3:54½)
1992	Make Azilian (8) <i>Run the Gantlet</i>	Dogwood Stable; Mrs. K.A. Roe; Charles Fenwick Jr.; S. Clancy (4:02¾)
1993	Rolling Cart (8) <i>Rollicking</i>	Daniel B. Brewster; same; Charles Fenwick Jr.; C.G. Ryan (4:08)
1994	Alice Dear (7) <i>Lugnaquilla-Ire</i>	Pell-Mell Stables; John and Sharon Clark; Annie Weeden-Smart; J. Smart (4:18½)
Not run 1995 through 1997		
1998	Aggro Crag (6) <i>Caveat</i>	Green Stripes Stables; Albert H. and Randy L. Cohen; Brooks Durkee; B. Patterson (4:11¾)
1999	Riff (4) <i>Opening Verse</i>	Phoenix Stable; Robert E. Meyerhoff; Thomas H. Voss; J. Kiser (4:23¾)
2000	Shamrock Isle (5) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Mrs. F. Eugene Dixon Jr.; Timothy J. Gardner; Jack Fisher; S. Clancy (4:03¾; 4:03.52)

One of Maryland Million's most remarkable stories was played out in 2005 when *La Reine's Terms*, making his sixth Maryland Million appearance at the age of 10, captured his second Maryland Million Turf.

La Reine's Terms, owned and bred by Sondra and Howard Bender and trained by Larry Murray, had not started since the 2004 Maryland Million Turf, in which he finished third. He had taken the 2002 running of the event.

La Reine's Terms is the oldest horse to win on Maryland Million Day.

The oldest winner of the Classic was Frugal Doc, who was 9 when he won in 1996.



Great Notion has had at least one winner each of the past six years—Turf winners Phlash Phelps (2015) and Talk Show Man (2014), 2013 winners It's a Bang (Nursery) and Jonesin for Jerry (Lassie), 2012 winner Jazzy Idea (Oaks), 2011 winner Glib (Nursery) and 2010 winner Doing Great (Lassie).

The late Lion Hearted got his ninth winner in 2015, when Lionhearted Lady took the Distaff.

Not For Love, with two 2015 winners, continues to outdistance all stallions, with a total of 34 wins.



Talk Show Man (Great Notion) passes favorite Ben's Cat (right) and two-time Turf winner Roadhog to take the 2014 Turf.

2001 Wicomico (5) The Fields Stable; Sidney Watters Jr.; Thomas H. Voss;
Waquoit C. Murphy (3:56½; 3:56.40)

Not run since 2001. Run at about 2½ miles 1991 and 1992; Ryland Homes Maryland Million Steeplechase 1991; Mercedes-Benz Steeplechase 1992. Run at Shawan Downs 2001

Maryland Million Sweepstakes

\$50,000, 3-year-olds, non-winners of a sweepstakes, 1¼ miles

Year	Winner	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
2001	Docent Waquoit	Mrs. Bernard J. Daney; Bernard J. Daney; Kevin C. Boniface; R.A. Dominguez (1:43½; 1:43.77)

Not run since 2001

Maryland Million Turf

\$125,000, 3-year-olds and up, 1 mile, turf

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
1986	Glow (3) Northern Dancer	Sonia Rogers; Claiborne Farm and Gamely Corp.; W.C. Stephens; J.D. Bailey (1:44½)
1987	Ringin' (3) Northern Raja	Glenn Stable; Estate of J.L. Reynolds; Ronald A. Alfano; L. Pincay Jr. (1:49½)
1988	Master Speaker (3) Master Willie-GB	Anderson Fowler; same; Virgil W. Raines; L. Pincay Jr. (1:43½)
1989	Wave Wise (3) Smarten	Sam-Son Farm; same; James E. Day; G.W. Hutton (1:42½)
1990	Hear the Bells (3) Deputy Minister	Due Process Stable; same; John R.S. Fisher; R. Wilson (1:43½)
1991	Scottsville (3) Deputy Minister	Mrs. Joseph Walker Jr.; same; John R.S. Fisher; R. Wilson (1:43)
1992	Wood Fox (3) Baederwood	John B. Merryman; Constance Halter; Katharine M. Voss; M.G. Pino (1:44½)
1993	Awad (3) Caveat	Ryehill Farm; same; David Donk; J. Velasquez (1:49½)
1994	Warning Glance (3) Caveat	Stuart S. Janney III; same; Charles H. Hadry; M. Smith (1:52½)
1995	Short Stay (3) Citidancer	F. Eugene Dixon Jr.; Michael P. Cataneo; John R.S. Fisher; J.A. Santos (1:52)
1996	Trump Mahal (6) Another Reef	Mrs. Frank P. Wright; same; Robin L. Graham; S.B. Martinez (1:59½)
1997	Winsox (6) Deputed Testimony	Richard C. Granville; same; J. William Boniface; R.E. Colton (1:58½)
1998	Winsox (7) Deputed Testimony	Richard C. Granville; same; J. William Boniface; E.S. Prado (1:51½)
1999	Private Slip (5) Private Key	Crown Valley Stable; Dale Capuano; same; R.L. Frazier (1:54½)
2000	Cynics Beware (6) Caveat	Two Rivers Farm; same; Mary Welby McGill; R.A. Dominguez (1:46½; 1:46.95)
2001	Elberton (4) Perfecting	C. Frank Hopkins; same; Luigi Gino; A. Delgado (1:48½; 1:48.52)
2002	La Reine's Terms (7) Private Terms	Sondra D. Bender; Sondra and Howard M. Bender; Lawrence E. Murray; H.A. Karamanos (1:49½; 1:49.28)
2003	Move Those Chains (4) Polish Numbers	Patricia Runyon; same; Kevin C. Boniface; R.A. Dominguez (1:47½; 1:47.28)
2004	Dr Detroit (5) Wayne County-Ire	Richard F. Blue Jr.; same; Ann W. Merryman; M.G. Pino (1:50½; 1:50.96)
2005	La Reine's Terms (10) Private Terms	Sondra D. Bender; Sondra and Howard M. Bender; Lawrence E. Murray; J. Rose (1:51½; 1:51.60)
2006	Private Scandal (6) Not For Love	Ioannis T. Korologos; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; Peter Bazeos; H.A. Karamanos (1:47½; 1:47.56)
2007	Forty Crowns (4) Not For Love	Morris Bailey and Theodore Serure; Mrs. Richard C. duPont; Edmond G. Gaudet; Luis Garcia (1:46; 1:46.03)

2008	Broadway Producer (5) <i>Not For Love</i>	Sovereign Stable and Gatsas Stables; Fast Kitty Farms; John P. Terranova II; H.A. Karamanos (1:49½; 1:49.99)
2009	Target Sighted (3) <i>Not For Love</i>	The Maltese Cross II; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; Francis P. Campitelli; J. Rose (1:49; 1:49.03)
2010	Pocket Patch (5) <i>Partner's Hero</i>	Charles C.D. McGill; same; Flint W. Stites; J. Joyce (1:52½; 1:52.30)
2011	Pocket Patch (6) <i>Partner's Hero</i>	Charles C.D. McGill; same; Flint W. Stites; F. Boyce (1:56½; 1:56.67)
2012	Roadhog (5) <i>Bowman's Band</i>	Ellendale Racing LLC; same; Elizabeth M. Merryman; H. Karamanos (1:47; 1:47.15)
2013	Roadhog (6) <i>Bowman's Band</i>	Ellendale Racing LLC; same; Elizabeth M. Merryman; K. Carmouche (1:39½; 1:39.29)
2014	Talk Show Man (4) <i>Great Notion</i>	Michael J. Harrison; same; Hamilton Smith; X. Perez (1:39½; 1:39.20)
2015	Phlash Phelps (4) <i>Great Notion</i>	Hillwood Stable LLC; Carol A. Kaye; Rodney Jenkins; V.R. Carrasco (1:35½; 1:35.35)

For 3-year-olds from 1986 through 1995. Run at 1½ miles 1986 through 1992; 1¼ miles 1993 through 2012. Run on main track 1992 and 1995. Run as Ryland Group Turf 1986, 1987; Ryehill-Windfields Turf 1988; Chesapeake Bay Turf 1989; All Maryland Turf 1990, 1991; Jos. A. Bank Clothiers Turf 1993; First Maryland Bancorp Turf 1994; Bally Entertainment Turf 1995; Helix Health/Medlantic Healthcare Group/BWHealth Turf 1996, 1997; Helix Health/Medlantic Healthcare Group Turf 1998; Toyota Tundra Turf 1999 and 2000; Toyota Turf 2001; Kameen Laser Eye Associates Turf 2002; Capital Bank Turf 2005 to 2007; Maryland Lottery Turf 2008; John Deere Turf 2011 through 2015

Maryland Million Turf Sprint Handicap

\$100,000, 3-year-olds and up, 5½ furlongs, turf

Year	Winner (age)	Owner; breeder; trainer; jockey (time)
2004	Namequest (8) <i>Norquestor</i>	Taking Risks Stable LLC; Andrew G.P. Hobbs; Ben M. Feliciano Jr.; T.G. Turner (:57½; :57.22)
2005	Sarah's Prospect (3) <i>Allen's Prospect</i>	Michael J. Gill; Dr. Jerry Bilinski and Martin Zaretsky; Mark Shuman; R.A. Dominguez (:56¾; :56.63)
2006	Deliver the Roses (6) <i>Same Day Delivery</i>	Paul G. Hartman; same; Robert Leaf Jr.; E.D. Rodriguez (:55¾; :55.91)
2007	Happy Surprise (4) <i>Crowd Pleaser</i>	Robert L. Cole Jr.; Mrs. Raymond H. Burnette; Howard E. Wolfendale; H.A. Karamanos (1:01¾; 1:01.62)
2008	Kosmo's Buddy (3) <i>Outflanker</i>	Arnold K. Smolen and Adam M. Smolen; Arnold Smolen; Timothy Salzman; E. Camacho (1:02¼; 1:02.84)
2009	Natural Seven (5) <i>Partner's Hero</i>	Taking Risks Stable LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; Ben M. Feliciano Jr.; R.A. Dominguez (ncr—1:01¾; 1:01.59)
2010	Ben's Cat (4) <i>Parker's Storm Cat</i>	The Jim Stable; K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.; King T. Leatherbury; J. Pimentel (1:05¾; 1:05.54)
2011	Ben's Cat (5) <i>Parker's Storm Cat</i>	The Jim Stable; K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.; King T. Leatherbury; J. Rose (1:06; 1:06.07)
2012	Ben's Cat (6) <i>Parker's Storm Cat</i>	The Jim Stable; K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.; King T. Leatherbury; J. Pimentel (1:01¾; 1:01.64)

Not run since 2012. Run at 5 furlongs 2004 through 2006. Run as HRTV Turf Sprint 2011, 2012.

Two stallions had their first Maryland Million winners in 2015—Elusive Charlie, represented by Classic winner Admirals War Chest, and Love of Money, whose son Jack's in the Deck captured the Sprint.

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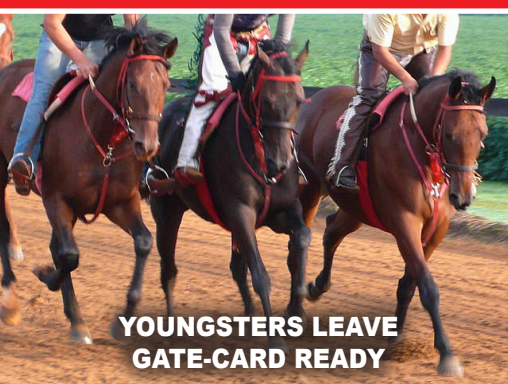
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